



# Student Weekly News

w/c 17 November 2025

## Dates for your diary

| Date       | Event / Activity                                  | Year Group      |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| w/c 17 Nov | Year 11 mocks                                     | Year 11         |
| Wed 19 Nov | Year 13 Medics Conference                         | Year 13         |
| Thu 20 Nov | Careers Fair 7pm to 8,30pm, Forum                 | All years       |
| Fri 21 Nov | Staff Development Day - school closed to students | All years       |
| w/c 24 Nov | Year 11 mocks - Art, Photography, PE              | Year 11         |
| Tue 25 Nov | Year 12 Parents Evening (in school)               | Year 12         |
| Fri 28 Nov | Car Free Friday                                   | All years       |
| w/c 1 Dec  | Year 9 Outward Bound residential trip             | Year 9          |
| Fri 5 Dec  | Flu vaccines                                      | Years 10 and 11 |

## Assemblies

| Day       | Time                    | Year          | Location               | Additional Information                                                                               |
|-----------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 8.50am                  | 7             | Hall                   | Register in the Hall from 8.40am                                                                     |
| Tuesday   | 8.50am<br>8.50am<br>9am | 8<br>12<br>13 | Hall<br>Forum<br>Forum | Register in the Hall from 8.40am<br>Forum 8.40am<br>Year 13 - 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    |                         |               |                        | No assemblies - staff development day                                                                |

## Spotlight: Social Media Kindness

Sadly, we often learn about children, young people and adults whose mental health is affected, often critically, by the online behaviour of others towards them.

Sometimes these are “celebrities” or well-known figures and their story is covered by the national news. Sometimes we only learn about such a situation when a parent, other relative or close friend decides to share their story in order to hopefully help others.



Please watch this interview - the Duke of Cambridge speaks to a young person who became suicidal and a parent of a young boy who died by suicide, both after experiencing unkind behaviour online.

Please remember that your Year Manager is available if you need to speak to someone.



Social media, used appropriately, can be wonderful. Used inappropriately, it can be extremely harmful.

Sadly, there are people online who deliberately set out to upset others, deriving pleasure from this. There are many others, however, who might inadvertently do so. However, the consequences can be the same. Taking notice of these very simple reminders could ensure that you do not contribute to someone's poor mental health.

## Stop and think.....Be Kind Online

**Just like  
you**

There is a real person behind every profile, everyone has feelings, just like you.

You may have no idea what else they might be coping with at any one time.

Any online comments or actions do not just disappear into the ether – they reach, and affect, the real person.

**Take a  
moment and  
ask yourself**

Would you say that face to face? Would you put that comment on a t-shirt and walk around wearing it? Could your comment provoke further unkind behaviour?

Is your comment or action helpful, positive or supportive? If not, do not post it.

How would you feel if you were on the receiving end?

**Be an  
upstander,  
not a  
bystander**

If you see unkind behaviour towards others:

- Let someone know
- Call it out
- Report it, and
- Let the recipient know you will support them

And, remember it is affecting a real person, just like you.

**HGS Social Media**

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**Sixth Form  
Accounts**



## Extra-curricular

We are delighted to let you know that the extra-curricular booklet is now live on our [website](#).



## Term Dates 2026/27

We are pleased to advise that the terms dates for 2026/27 are now live on the school website via this [link](#).



## Termly Curriculum Overviews

|                                 |
|---------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Year 7, 8 and 9</a> |
| <a href="#">Year 10 and 11</a>  |
| <a href="#">Year 12</a>         |
| <a href="#">Year 13</a>         |



Click on the image above to access our sports fixture list

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



**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



## 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.

## HGS Christmas PTA RAFFLE

**Win Amazing Prizes including:**

- Virtual reality headset
- £100 cash
- Luxury Christmas hamper
- Gin gift set
- 25% off food for 12 months at Ridding Park
- Family ticket to Harrogate Town FC
- Whisky gift set

**Last day to purchase Monday 15 December**  
**Draw on 16 December**

**Ticket Price £1**  
**Available via Arbor App / School Shop**

Thank you to all the local companies who donated prizes including Harlow Consulting, Kempston Parke Chartered Surveyors, Ridding Park, Harrogate Town

[Click here for more information](#)

## Parent Communications this week

Whole year group communications that have been sent this week:

- [2026/27 Term Dates](#)
- [Year 7 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' theatre trip - register expression of interest by 9am, Friday 5 December](#)
- [Year 9 e-Safety assembly](#)



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# Information for Year 11

## Year 11 Mocks

We are extremely pleased in the way you have conducted yourselves during the first week of your mock exams.

The mocks provide an important opportunity for students to experience the exam process ahead of the summer exams. They can also give you an indication of where you are in terms of progress. Mock results will be handed out in the Main Hall on Tuesday 9 December during registration. More information will be shared with you nearer the time.

We wish you all the best for your remaining mock exams. Please ensure you arrive in plenty of time of the exam start time and you are wearing the correct uniform. **Mr Mason and Mr Thurley**

## Science Revision Year 11 Masterclasses

The following Science revision session will take place:

- **Every Monday 3.30pm to 4.30pm**

Biology A15 (Combined) A16 (Triple)

Mon 17 Nov - no session

Mon 24 Nov - Ecology

A list of all topics for this term can be [found here](#).

## Applications to HGS Sixth Form - now open

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 [HGSixthForm@hgs.rklt.co.uk](mailto:HGSixthForm@hgs.rklt.co.uk)

# Information for Years 7 to 11



Washing our hands properly is one of the easiest ways to protect yourself and others from illnesses including viruses such as colds and flu.

Washing our hands properly removes dirt, viruses and bacteria to stop them spreading to other people and objects. It can help stop people picking up infections and spreading these to others.

The NHS recommends washing hand for at least 20 seconds.

The poster opposite details how to wash your hands effectively.

When should you wash your hands in school?

- After using the toilet
- Before eating food at break and lunch
- Before preparing food in your food lessons and after handling raw meat during the lesson

# Information for Sixth Form Students



The Sixth Form  
at Harrogate Grammar School  
Excellence For All

## Revision Sessions

| Day               | Time          | Subject       | Year group | Room      |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| Monday            | 1-1.40pm      | Physics       | 12 & 13    | S29       |
| Monday (Week A)   | 3.30 - 4.30pm | Geography     | 13         | S26       |
| Monday (Week A)   | 3.30 - 4.30pm | Business      | 13         | S26       |
| Monday (Week B)   | 3.30 - 4.30pm | Economics     | 13         | S26       |
| Monday (Week B)   | 3.30 - 4.30pm | Business      | 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          | 1-1.40pm      | RS            | 13         | S06       |
| Thursday          | 1-1.40pm      | Sociology     | 13         | S04       |
| Thursday          | 3.30 - 4.30pm | Economics     | 13         | S26       |
| Thursday (Week B) | 3.30 - 4.30pm | Geography     | 13         | S26       |
| Thursday (Week A) | 3.30 - 4.30pm | Maths (all)   | 12 & 13    | A14       |
| Friday            | 3.30 - 4.30pm | A Level Maths | 13         | S03       |

## Progression and Careers

Use these quick links to access up to date information:

[Super-curricular](#)

[Work Experience](#)

[Career and  
Apprenticeship  
Opportunities](#)

[Career  
Pathways](#)

## Senior Citizens Festive Coffee Morning

On Friday 5 December our Sixth Form students will be hosting a Festive Coffee Morning for the local senior citizens in our community. If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, please bring to either Main School or Sixth Form Reception.

## Yr 12 Post-18 and Career Pathways

Progression - Understanding post-18 options and Unifrog. Resources are available on Showbie in the year 12 area.

## Maths Success

Our Key Stage 4 and 5 students proudly represented the school in national competitions run by the UK Mathematics Trust.

Huge congratulations to Charlotte, Freya, Tessa and Edie for excelling in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls.

Well done to all the Year 11 to 13 students who competed in the Senior Maths Challenge.

Amazing work by Jayden, Andrei, Callum, Isaac and Willem for qualifying for the Senior Kangaroo and to Tessa for an incredible score of 104, earning Best in School and a spot in the British Mathematical Olympiad.



## Countdown to our Careers Fair

A fantastic opportunity to meet education and training providers plus local and national businesses.

- Talk to local and national employers
- Explore further education options
- Investigate apprenticeships
- 70+ stands to visit

**When: Thursday 20 November  
7pm to 8.30pm**

**Where: Sixth Form, HGS**

**Who: All HGS students and their parents are welcome to come along. No need to book.**

## CAREERS FAIR

Don't miss the chance to attend the HGS careers fair, where you can meet with education and training providers plus local and national employers. Enjoy listing stands to learn more about different career and education pathways.

7.00PM to 8.30PM  
THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2025

FORUM, HGS  
ACCESS VIA SIXTH FORM ENTRANCE

ALL HGS STUDENTS & PARENTS  
WELCOME



## U14 Hockey Champions

Huge congratulations to the U14 girls hockey team. Earlier this week they were crowned the U14 Tier 3 Yorkshire and North East Hockey Champions.

We are so proud of you.

A massive well done to Mrs Oliver and Mr Crawshaw for coaching and supporting the team.

**Well done to all our sporting teams this week, some amazing results. You can keep up to date with all the latest news at HGS via our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) posts.**

