



# Student Weekly News

w/c 24 November 2025

## Dates for your diary

| Date       | Event / Activity                               | Year Group            |
|------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| w/c 24 Nov | Year 11 mocks (Art, Photography, PE practical) | 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                |
| Tue 9 Dec  | Year 11 Parents Evening (in school)            | Year 11               |
| w/c 8 Dec  | Food Donations - Terra House                   | All students in Terra |

## 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 | 11<br>13<br>12 | Hall<br>Forum<br>Forum | Register in the Hall from 8.40am<br>Forum 8.40am<br>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<br>12.00         | 8<br>7         | Hall<br>Hall           | Register in the Hall from 8.40am<br>Register in the Hall P4                                          |

## Termly Curriculum Overviews

[Year 7, 8 and 9](#)

[Year 10 and 11](#)

[Year 12](#)

[Year 13](#)



Click on the image above to access our sports fixture list

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



**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.

## Parent Communications this week

Whole year group communications that have been sent this week:

- [Unavoidable School Closure Procedure](#)



## Car Free Friday - Friday 27 November

Get active whilst helping combat climate change.

Choose a more sustainable form of transport and do your bit to help protect our communities and our planet.

Even if you live too far from school to walk, cycle all the way, you could use another option like taking the school bus, catching public transport or '[Park and Stride](#)' - this is where you are dropped off further from school and walk the final section to school. All these options mean fewer vehicles on the road and helps lower our carbon footprint.

Make every mile count.



## HGS Social Media

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



**Sixth Form  
Accounts**



# Information for Year 11

## 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](#).

**\*\*NEW\*\* Physics Masterclasses** focussing on

Quantum Mechanics in S32 from 1.05pm to 1.35pm

- Tuesday 25 November - Why do we need Quantum Physics?
- Tuesday 2 December - What are the weird consequences of QM?
- Tuesday 9 December - What does it all mean?

## 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 HGSSixthForm@hgs.rklt.co.uk

## Note for Year 10 students

This Physics masterclass is also available to all Year 10 students.

# Information for Years 7 to 11

## Year 7 Book Haven

Introducing Year 7 students Yasmeen, Ayah, Skyla and Ashwa who have come together to create a 'Book Haven' group that hopes to inspire reading and encourage students to visit the LRC.

They will be producing videos which will include their own book recommendations.

You can watch their video via the HGS Instagram and facebook page.

Their current book recommendations are:

- Goodnight Mister Tom
- Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
- The Front Desk
- Armitage Runner



## Positive Noticing

Thank you for all your positive messages you have shared with other students in your class. We have loved reading all the kind messages you have written.

There will be other events taking place during the year to help us all keep the focus on displaying kind and respectful behaviour across the HGS community.



# E-Safety Fact Sheet

Following assemblies in Years 7 to 10 this week, please find below more information from the National Deaf Children's Society about keeping safe and smart online.

## How to be safe and smart online

Top tips to help you get the best out of being online while staying safe



### Don't over share

- > It's important not to share too much information online, especially personal stuff like photos, as you can't always control what happens to it.
- > Never share information like your contact details or the name of your school with people you don't know. You wouldn't tell a random person at the bus stop where you live, so don't do it online.



### Think before you post

- > Before you post that funny picture of your friend, or make a joke about someone on social media, ask yourself:
  - Would you find this post funny if it was about you?
  - What will your friend think about your post?
  - It may be funny, but is it kind?
- > A good rule is: if you wouldn't say it in real life, don't say it online.
- > Sexting (sharing sexual or naked photos) can be very risky. Did you know up to 8 out of 10 images people share online end up on other sites? For more info, visit [www.childnet.com/sexting](http://www.childnet.com/sexting) or [www.buzz.org.uk/sexting](http://www.buzz.org.uk/sexting).
- > **Remember:** once it's online it could be there forever.



### Protect your reputation

- > Type your name into a search engine like Google – you'll be amazed at how much information there is about you. This helps to form your 'online reputation'.
- > One day when you apply for a job, your future boss might 'Google' you – make sure your online reputation won't put them off hiring you.
- > **Remember:** friends and family can Google you – will you be happy with what they see?
- > If you find something about yourself online that you don't like you can ask the website to remove it, or if it was posted on social media you can report it – see 'Don't like it? Block it, report it' (over the page).



### Keep it private

- > Check the privacy settings on your social media accounts like Instagram or Snapchat to make sure you know what kind of information you're sharing about yourself.
- > Remember that your friends' privacy settings can affect what information about you is made public from their accounts.
- > If you need some help with checking your privacy settings, visit [www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people).
- > Keep your passwords private, and don't make them easy to guess – make sure people can't get into your account and pretend to be you.



### Deactivate or delete

- > If you stop using a social networking profile or website, it's best to deactivate (hide the profile so no one can see it) or delete the account.
- > This means that the content is no longer live and it can't be searched for online.
- > It also means the accounts don't run the risk of being hacked (broken into) without you knowing.



### Don't believe everything

- > Not everything or everyone online can be trusted.
- > Question what people online want from you and why.
- > **Remember:** not everyone online is who they say they are.
- > Never meet up with strangers you've been talking to online – they might have been lying about who they are, and could be dangerous.



### Don't like it? Block it, report it

- > Social media sites have tools which let you 'block' people you don't want to be in contact with.
- > If you find something online that worries or upsets you, or you are being bullied online you can report it. It's also a good idea to tell an adult you trust and save evidence of what you've found.
- > For more info on blocking and reporting visit [www.childnet.com/resources/how-to-make-a-report](http://www.childnet.com/resources/how-to-make-a-report).
- > You can find more info on cyberbullying at [www.buzz.org.uk/cyberbullying](http://www.buzz.org.uk/cyberbullying).
- > If you have met someone online and the conversations with that person are making you feel uncomfortable, tell an adult you trust or report it to the police at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk).



**Remember:**  
be smart, be safe  
and have fun online!  
Visit [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)  
for lots more info

### National Deaf Children's Society

Freephone Helpline: 0800 800 8880 (voice and text)  
[helpline@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:helpline@ndcs.org.uk)  
[www.ndcs.org.uk/livechat](http://www.ndcs.org.uk/livechat)

[www.buzz.org.uk](http://www.buzz.org.uk) (for you)  
[www.ndcs.org.uk](http://www.ndcs.org.uk) (for your parents)

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# House Competitions



AQUA  
Water



IGNIS  
Fire



TERRA  
Earth



VENTUS  
Air

We are excited to launch the Countdown to Christmas House Competitions that are taking place this term.

Please do get involved to help your House gain as many points as possible.

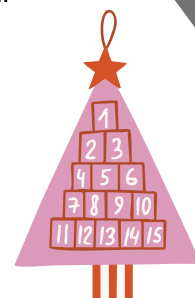
The first House Competitions will commence on Wednesday 26 November including:

## House Maths Sparx - Years 7 to 11 w/c 24 November

Gain as many XP points as you can throughout the week by:

- completing the compulsory homework before 3pm on Wednesday 26 November
- completing the next set of Sparx Maths homework before Wednesday 3 December (available from Wednesday 26 November)
- gaining extra XP points by finishing
  - the XP booster task
  - the 'target' tasks
  - the 'independent learning' tasks

If you have any questions you can attend the Sparx Maths Club on a Tuesday lunchtime each week, which takes place in A13 from 1pm to 1.30pm



| Date                    | Event                 | Year               |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| w/c 24 Nov              | Sparx Maths Challenge | Years 7 to 11      |
| w/c 8 Dec               | Food Bank donations   | All forms in Terra |
| w/c 8 Dec<br>w/c 15 Dec | French                | Year 7             |
| w/c 8 Dec<br>w/c 15 Dec | Bizarre Bazaar        | Year 7 to 10       |
| w/c 15 Dec              | Sparx Reader          | Years 7 to 10      |



# 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          | 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       |

## Year 13 revision support

Following on from your recent Progression sessions on mock preparation and effective revision techniques, a blank revision timetable and supporting resources have been added to the 'revision support' folder in the Study class on showbie. You can join this class using the code: J4E6E

If you need any further support with preparing for your mock exams, please speak to Mrs Armstrong-Turner or Miss Russell.

# Information for Sixth Form Students

## Quantum Physics Lecture Events

Three lectures on Quantum Physics, every other Tuesday lunchtime, in S32, 1.05-1.35pm.

1. Why do we need Quantum Mechanics? 25 Nov
2. What are the weird consequences of QM? 2 Dec
3. What does it all mean? 9 Dec

These will all be suitable for a general audience, familiarity with Year 10 Physics and Chemistry will be useful.

## Year 12 University/Apprenticeship Visits

Last Friday, we took 310 of our Year 12 students to 14 different higher education settings across the country. they gain first-hand insights into university life and career pathways.

These visits helped them understand their options and make informed decisions.

Thank you to all the higher education and apprenticeship settings for welcoming us and inspiring our Year 12 students.



## Sixth Form Shoebox Appeal

Shoebox appeal for The Village Babybank and the Refugee Council providing local families with essential items. Boxes to be completed 2 December. Item examples listed below -

- Baby bath, wash and shampoo
- Cotton wool balls / wipes
- Small soft toy
- Nappies any size
- Shower gel
- Deodorant
- Chocolates
- Stationary

## Progression and Careers

There are many new opportunities live this week including some fantastic degree apprenticeship roles -

|                                                                                      |                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | <a href="#"><u>Degree apprenticeship roles</u></a>                    |
|  | <a href="#"><u>Apprenticeships Audit and Audit Tax</u></a>            |
|  | <a href="#"><u>Free 2 year programme open to year 12 students</u></a> |
|   | Apprenticeship programme                                              |
|  | <a href="#"><u>National opportunities</u></a>                         |
|  | <a href="#"><u>BBC Academy Live webinars</u></a>                      |

Use these quick links to access up to date information:

[Super-curricular](#)

[Work Experience](#)

[Career and Apprenticeship Opportunities](#)

[Career Pathways](#)

# Messages from North Yorkshire Council for parents/carers



The poster features the North Yorkshire Council, Yorwaste, and City of York logos at the top. A green circular arrow contains the text 'REUSE SANTA' and '15th - 30th Nov 2025'. Below this, a white gift box is shown. The text reads: 'Please donate your pre-owned but pristine toys to Yorwaste's campaign - Reuse Santa.' and 'From table football to scooters, books to puzzles. No gift is too big or too small!'. A quote says 'Make a child smile this Christmas!'. A wooden sign titled 'What we accept' lists: ★ Dolls and action figures, ★ Toy cars, lorries & tractors, ★ Cleaned baby toys, ★ Games and puzzles without missing or broken pieces, ★ Building blocks, ★ Colouring books that have not been coloured in, ★ Colouring sets, crayons, etc., and ★ Children's or teenagers' books. A red box at the bottom says 'Drop off to any North Yorkshire household waste recycling centre'. A cartoon Santa Claus is at the bottom left.

Please donate your pre-owned but pristine toys to Yorwaste's campaign - Reuse Santa.

From table football to scooters, books to puzzles. No gift is too big or too small!

Make a child smile this Christmas!

**What we accept**

- ★ Dolls and action figures
- ★ Toy cars, lorries & tractors
- ★ Cleaned baby toys
- ★ Games and puzzles without missing or broken pieces
- ★ Building blocks
- ★ Colouring books that have not been coloured in
- ★ Colouring sets, crayons, etc.
- ★ Children's or teenagers' books

Please remember to donate toys that are **CLEAN**, and **COMPLETE**.

**Drop off to any North Yorkshire household waste recycling centre**

North Yorkshire Council have asked all schools to share the posters on this page with parents/carers.

## Sustainability

Yorwaste are collecting unwanted toys in great condition to be re-gifted to children in need around the county.

**You can** donate unwanted toys via the 'Reuse Santa' scheme. Details of what toys NYC accept are listed opposite, please drop off any donations to a North Yorkshire Household Recycling Centre between Saturday 15 November and Sunday 30 November.

## Free Eye Tests for Children under 16

Further details can be found in the leaflet below, including a link to local practices.

**We kindly ask that appointments are booked outside of the school day to avoid students missing lessons.**

The header features the North Yorkshire Council logo and a photo of a smiling girl wearing a trial frame. The text reads: 'Has your child had their eyes tested yet?'.

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Has your child had their eyes tested yet?**

This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test

### When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

### How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an opticians, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician](#) - NHS.

### What will it cost?

**Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests.** If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to help with the cost.

### Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.

### How can you tell if your child has an eye problem?

Some eye problems don't show any signs, so it is always best to **take your child for an eye test**.

Signs of a possible eye problem can include:

- having one eye that turns in or out
- difficulty concentrating
- behavioural problems
- headaches
- rubbing their eyes a lot
- sitting too close to the TV
- screwing up/closing one or both eyes
- holding things close to them



An eye test is very **important** especially if there's a **history** of early glasses use, childhood **eye problems**, **squint** or **lazy eye**, in your family.

### Did you know?

Short-sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including **screen use**. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by **managing screen use** and encouraging them to **get outside often** (this helps their eyesight).

### More Information:

- NHS information: [nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/)
- Find an optician: [Find an optician](#) - NHS
- Information on Vision/Eye tests **Humber and North Yorkshire ICB**
- Information on Vision/Eye tests for families in **Craven, West Yorkshire ICB**
- Looking After Your Children's Eyes - **College of Optometrists**
- Children's eye health - **Association of Optometrists**