Student Weekly News w/c 1 December 2025

Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
w/c 1 Dec	Year 9 Outward Bound residential trip	Year 9
By Wed 3 Dec 3pm	House Competition - Maths Sparx	Years 7 to 11
Fri 5 Dec	Festive coffee morning (Sixth Form)	
w/c 8 Dec	Food Donations - Terra House	All students in Terra
Tue 9 Dec	Year 11 mock exam results handed out (Hall) - during reg	- Year 11
	Year 11 Parents Evening (in school) - 4pm to 7pm	
Weds 10 Dec	Year 9 Big Picture morning	Year 9
	Year 7,8 and 9 Flu vaccination mop ups Year 10 and 11 Nasal Flu Vaccinations	Years 7 to 11
Thu 11 Dec	Christmas Concert	All years
Fri 12 Dec	Bizarre Bazaar (break time) - please remember to bring loose change	Year 8

Assemblies

Day	Time	Year	Location	Additional Information
Monday	8.50am	7	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Tuesday	8.50am 8.50am 8.50am 9am 9am	11 12 13 12 13	Hall Forum Forms Forms Forum	Register in the Hall from 8.40am Assembly in the Forum Register with Form Tutor Progression with your Form Tutor Progression assembly in the Forum
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 12.00	8 7	Hall Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am Register in the Hall P4

Termly Curriculum **Overviews**

Year 7, 8 and 9

Year 10 and 11

<u>Year 12</u>

<u>Year 13</u>

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sports fixture list

Cancelled Clubs next week Monday - Y7 Rugby



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

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:

 No communications this week to whole school or whole year groups







HGS Social Media

To keep up to date with Life at HGS please follow our School 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 1 Dec - Cycle & decay (Triple) Adaptations (Combd)
 Mon 8 Dec - Genetics - keywords and punnett square
 A list of all topics for this term can be found here.

Physics Masterclasses focussing on Quantum

Mechanics in S32 from 1.05pm to 1.35pm

- 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





Traditional Christmas Lunch Friday 12th December



House Competitions







YR 7 CHRISTMAS CARI



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.

House Christmas Card competition - Year 7

Design a Christmas card to celebrate the festive season and represent school.

Open to all Year 7 students - create digitally via your iPad or draw/paint by hand and photograph/scan. Upload your design to showbie class code WC22T by Monday 1 December

Save the file as: Your Full name and Form w.g. Alex Smith 7ABC

The winning design will be selected by Mr Renton

House Maths Sparx - Years 7 to 11

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
 - o the XP booster task
 - o 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

Creative Writing Christmas Competition (open to all year groups)

- choose a lyric from a christmas song and write either a short story or a poem using the lyric as a prompt
- Due date Friday 12 December, entries to be emailed to watsonm@hgs.rklt.co.uk
- Maximum 30 lines for a poem
- Maximum of 500 words for a story
- Let your festive creativity flow.

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Date	Event	Year
By Mon 1 Dec	By Mon 1 Dec Year 7 Christmas Card Competition	
By Wed 3 Dec Sparx Maths Challenge		Years 7 to 11
w/c 8 Dec	Food Bank donations	All forms in Terra
w/c 8 Dec w/c 15 Dec	French	Year 7
w/c 8 Dec w/c 15 Dec Bizarre Bazaar		Year 7 to 10
By Fri 12 Dec	Creative Writing Christmas Competition	All years
w/c 15 Dec	Sparx Reader	Years 7 to 10

















Punctuality is an important life skill for everyone to learn. But possibly more than this, getting to school on-time avoids you starting the day feeling **rushed**, **stressed**, **confused and overwhelmed**.

Try these hacks to speed up your morning...

Night-before routine (the biggest win)

- **Pack** everything on an **evening before** you go to bed: school bag, lunch, water bottle, PE kit. Place them by the door.
- Lay out your clothes: your full uniform including socks and shoes
- Prepare your breakfast and lunch

Easy morning flow tricks

- Create a 5 step checklist Wake Toilet Dress Eat Teeth/Bag
- **Two minute rule**: if a task takes less than 2 minutes (e.g. put on shoes, get dressed), do it immediately no procrastination
- Set up a timer: can you beat the timer to get dressed, put on your shoes
- **Set up a breakfast station** so you can quickly grab some breakfast and go e.g. yogurt pots, fruit, cereal









Information for Sixth Form Students



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.

Year 13 Deadlines

- History NEA final deadline Friday 5 December
- Y13 English Language NEA Cwk draft deadline - Fri 12 December (non-negotiable)
- Y13 English Literature NEA Cwk draft deadline - Fri 12 December (non-negotiable)

Information for Sixth Form Students



Parking and Safe Driving

Please remember the important information about driving and parking:

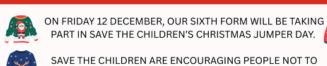
- No student parking in the school staff car park or visitor parking
- Park thoughtfully and legally along Arthurs Avenue (so not on double yellow lines, across dropped curbs, blocking driveways or blocking other parked cars into tight spots)
- · Drive safely and with care, especially on the roads around school
- The access only side streets off Arthurs Avenue are restricted to resident parking only: Cundall Way, Southway, Grasmere Crescent and Rossett Way. Traffic wardens patrol this area, and you will likely receive a ticket













BUY NEW JUMPERS FOR THE DAY. YOU COULD UPCYCLE AN OLD JUMPER, GET CRAFTY OR HEAD TO YOUR LOCAL CHARITY SHOP TO BUY A PRE-LOVED FESTIVE KNIT.











Progression and Careers

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

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Degree apprenticeship roles		
Apprenticeships Audit and Tax		
Free 2 year programme open to year 12 students		
<u>Apprenticeship programme</u>		
National opportunities		
BBC Academy Live webinars		
Advanced, Higher and Degree Apprenticeships		
Exploring Apprenticeship Pathways Webinar		

<u>Super-curricular</u>

Work Experience

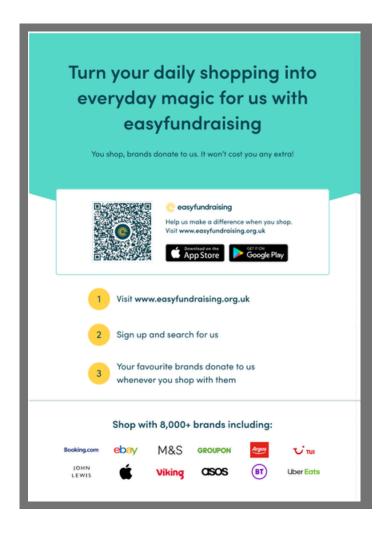
Career and Apprenticeship Opportunities

<u>Career</u> <u>Pathways</u>

Messages for parents/carers



Did you know that HGS is registered as a cause on the easyfundraising app?



Did you know that by signing up for easyfundraising, a percentage of your online purchases from registered brands will be donated to a cause of your choice? Now, you can select 'Harrogate Grammar School' as your preferred cause. There are over 8,000 brands registered to support this initiative.

Register by 30 November

If you register before 30 November, your cause will earn a £2 bonus donation for each new supporter who joins easyfundraising through the app.

Please note that donations are limited, so we encourage you to sign up and choose 'Harrogate Grammar School' as your cause.

It is simple to connect to your web search engine, such as Safari, by adding 'easyfundraising' as an extension. The app provides detailed instructions on how to link Safari once you sign up.

This will ensure that any discounts are applied automatically.