

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	11	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
	8.50am	12	Forum	Assembly in the Forum
	8.50am	13	Forms	Register with Form Tutor
	9am	12	Forms	Progression with your Form Tutor
	9am	13	Forum	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	8	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
	12.00	7	Hall	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:

- No communications this week to whole school or whole year groups



Festive Coffee Morning

SIXTH FORM STUDENTS WILL BE HOSTING OUR ANNUAL FESTIVE COFFEE MORNING FOR LOCAL SENIOR CITIZENS ON FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE A RAFFLE PRIZE, PLEASE BRING TO MAIN RECEPTION OR SIXTH FORM RECEPTION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

HGS CHRISTMAS PTA RAFFLE

Lots of amazing prizes including:

- Virtual reality headset
- £100 cash
- Luxury Christmas hamper
- Gin gift set
- 25% off food for 12 months at Rudding 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, Rudding Park, Harrogate Town

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 1 Dec - Cycle & decay (Triple) Adaptations (Comb)

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 HGSixthForm@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
£3.30(Main), £3.90(Main & Pudding)



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.

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
 - 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

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.rkit.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	Year 7 Christmas Card Competition	Year 7
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



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BE A H.E.R.O

Here Everyday Ready and On time

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



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.

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



Progression and Careers

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

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

THE SIXTH FORM SHOEBOX APPEAL

This years shoebox appeal is for The Village Babybank and The Refugee Council providing local families with essential items. Boxes to be completed Tuesday 2 December in forms.

Example items for donations listed below -

- Baby bath, wash and shampoo
- Cotton wool balls / wipes
- Small soft toy
- Shower gel
- Nappies (any size)
- Deodorant
- Chocolates
- Stationary / colouring books
- Children's reading books

[Super-curricular](#)

[Work Experience](#)

[Career and Apprenticeship Opportunities](#)

[Career Pathways](#)

Messages for parents/carers



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

Turn your daily shopping into everyday magic for us with easyfundraising

You shop, brands donate to us. It won't cost you any extra!



Help us make a difference when you shop.
Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk



- 1 Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- 2 Sign up and search for us
- 3 Your favourite brands donate to us whenever you shop with them

Shop with 8,000+ brands including:



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.