

Student Weekly News w/c 8 December 2025

Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
w/c 8 Dec	Food Donations - Terra House (Forms 7AAO, 7LJN, 7SYC, 8GZP, 8LMB, 8MGS, 9WXE, 9GAG, 10RJM, 10MHJ, 11JWI, 11CMM)	All students in Terra
Tue 9 Dec	Year 11 mock exam results handed out (Hall) - during registration	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
	Christmas Lunches (Hub and G2)	All years

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
	9.30am	9	Hall	Register in your form rooms at 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
	12.00	7	Hall	Register in the Hall P4

Shelter in Place

We have no indication that there is any particular threat to our school or any other school, but we feel that it is important to respond to national advice by preparing thoroughly for events that could threaten the safety of our staff and students. Although such an event could be related to a terrorist event, it is also possible that events such as a gas leak or chemical escape could cause us to sound the bell. Shelter in place is a safety procedure that covers extreme hazards such as a smoke cloud, local chemical leak or an intruder on site.

A siren alert will signal shelter in place

The siren will stop ringing when it is all clear

During form time on Tuesday, your form tutor will talk to you about the actions below that you should take in the unlikely event of hearing the shelter in place siren. The siren will ring during Big Picture so you can hear and recognise the sound of the alarm.

DURING LESSONS	DURING BREAK/LUNCH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must follow the instructions of your class teacher and remain in the classroom If you are walking on a corridor, you must enter the nearest classroom and follow the instructions from the teacher. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must quickly and calmly enter the school and go to the next lesson on your timetable. You must follow the instructions of your class teacher.

If you encounter a shelter in place situation outside the school grounds, you should follow the advice from the Home Office - run, hide, tell

Run Hide Tell

You must:

RUN - to a place of safety. This is a better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...

HIDE - Turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can.

TELL - the police by calling 999 when it is safe to do so.

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:
Wednesday - Year 8 Netball
Wednesday - Year 10 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:

- [PTA message](#)
- [Oliver tickets now live](#)
- [Year 10 Parents Evening](#)



HGS Social Media

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

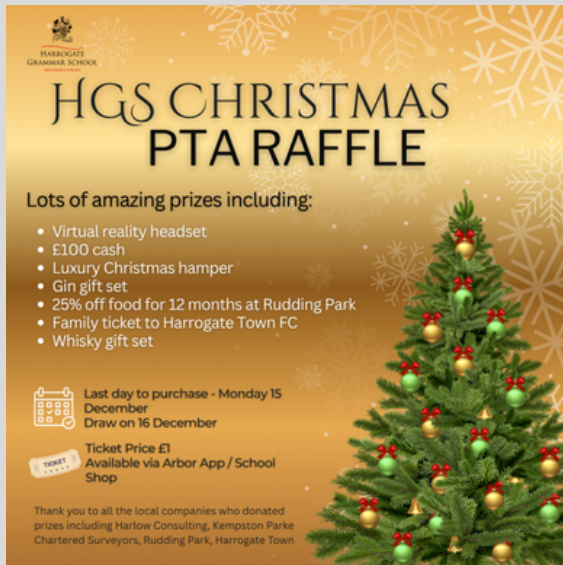


Sixth Form Accounts



Tickets now available

via Arbor Shop



via [Ticketsource](#)



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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 8 Dec - Genetics - keywords and punnett square

Mon 15 Dec - no session taking place

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 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





SIXTH FORM OPEN AFTERNOON

SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2 - 4PM

TOUR OUR SIXTH FORM BUILDING AND THE FACILITIES. PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT IS RUN BY THE SIXTH FORM LEADERSHIP TEAM AND SUBJECT TEACHERS WILL NOT BE PRESENT.

BOOK YOUR PLACE VIA
WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/HARROGATE-GRAMMAR-SCHOOL

Information for Years 7 to 11

Flu vaccinations - Wednesday 10 December

Years 10 and 11 (plus Year 7 to 9 mop ups)

The Vaccination UK team will be in school on Wednesday 10 December in Gym 2.

Please see the table opposite for details of when the flu vaccines will take place. Parents/carers have consented via the Vaccination UK website.

Students should make their way down to Gym 2 for the start time listed opposite. They should take their school bags with them. Once they have received their vaccinations, they should make their way back to their lesson.

Catch ups		
Year	Time	Number
Year 7	9.00	25
Year 8	9.15	27
Year 9	9.30	15

Year 10 Timings - 10 December 2025						
Form	Time	Period		Form	Time	Period
10AEB	9.45	1		10JLC	10.15	2
10EGC	9.45	1		10MHJ	10.30	2
10EKT	10.00	2		10PLB	10.30	2
10JDS	10.00	2		10RJM	11.10	3
10JEH	10.15	2		10SYJ	11.10	3

Year 11 Timings - 10 December 2025						
Form	Time	Period		Form	Time	Period
11ABM	11.25	3		11JWI	11.55	3
11BXD	11.25	3		11JXC	12.10	4
11CMM	11.40	3		11KRG	12.10	4
11CPM	11.40	3		11KZG	12.25	4
11JDK	11.55	3		11SJA	12.25	4

Year 9 Big Picture - Key Stage 4 Option Choices Wednesday 10 December

On Wednesday 10 December, Year 9 will be participating in a Big Picture morning to help support and inspire students in their decision making when choosing their Year 9 options. The morning has been split as follows.

	RIGHT POPULATION 9GAG, 9ERE, 9CEL, 9RSS, 9TXS	LEFT POPULATION 9EPI, 9ADJ, 9JWB, 9LED, 9WXE
Period 1&2	Forum: Big Picture	Normal timetabled lessons
Period 3&4	Normal timetabled lessons	Forum: Big Picture
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.

House Competitions



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.

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

Bizarre Bazaars

- Remember to bring loose change for the Bizarre Bazaar stalls
- Details of the day your Year Group Bizarre Bazaar is taking place can be found below
- Do get involved with providing items for your Form Group stall

Food Bank Donations

- It is Terra's turn to bring food bank donations into school
- Drop off donations w/c 8 December in the Atrium
- Suggestions of donations can be found below

Kahoot! Year 7 MFL competition

- Word a day competition for Year 7
- Kahoot quiz in your MFL lesson
- Top 3 students from each class will be entered into a grand final



Date	Event	Year
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



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	3.30 - 4.30pm	Psychology	13	S28
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

- 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



Oh Christmas Tree...

Christmas has arrived in the Sixth Form this week.

Thank you to the Student Leadership Team for decorating the tree.



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>

[Super-curricular](#)

[Work Experience](#)

[Career and Apprenticeship Opportunities](#)

[Career Pathways](#)

Year 9 Outward Bound Residential

Year 9 students have had an incredible experience in the Lake District during their Outward Bound residential trip. They are embodying the HGS values of adventure and commitment. The students have embraced new challenges, including ghyll scrambling, climbing, exploring caves, rowing on the lake, and diving into the water.

