

Student Weekly News w/c 15 December 2025

Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
w/c 15 Dec	Most after school sports clubs have now finished for the Autumn Term - check your Arbor timetable. We look forward to welcoming you back to these clubs in January.	All years
Mon 15 Dec	Bizarre Bazaar (break time) - please remember to bring loose change	Year 9
Tue 16 Dec	Bizarre Bazaar (break time) - please remember to bring loose change	Year 10
Thu 18 Dec	Bizarre Bazaar (break time) - please remember to bring loose change	Year 7
Fri 19 Dec	Non-Uniform Day - please donate via Arbor to the school charity 'JustB'	Years 7 to 13
	End of Autumn Term - 2.30pm finish (Years 7 to 11) 12.55pm finish (Years 12 and 13)	Years 7 to 11 Year 12 and 13
Mon 5 Jan	Start of Spring Term	All years
w/c 5 Jan and 12 Jan	Year 11 mock speaking exams	Year 11
	Year 13 Mocks	Year 13
Tue 6 Jan	Year 10 Parents Evening (online)	Year 10

Assemblies

Day	Time	Year	Location	Additional Information
Monday				No assembly
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
	9.25am	10	Hall	Register in form rooms from 8.40am
Wednesday				No assembly
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

The 5 days of Christmas

As we approach the end of term and look forward to a well-earned holiday, there will be some events taking place next week to get us in the festive spirit.

Celebration Assembly



Your Year Group assemblies will celebrate the successes from the last academic year and this term. The assembly will include the presentation of subject awards. Congratulations to all the award winners.

Wellbeing Presents

Each day this week, open the present on the main webpage to reveal a wellbeing activity.



Bizarre Bazaars

Please come along to support at your Year Group Bizarre Bazaar.

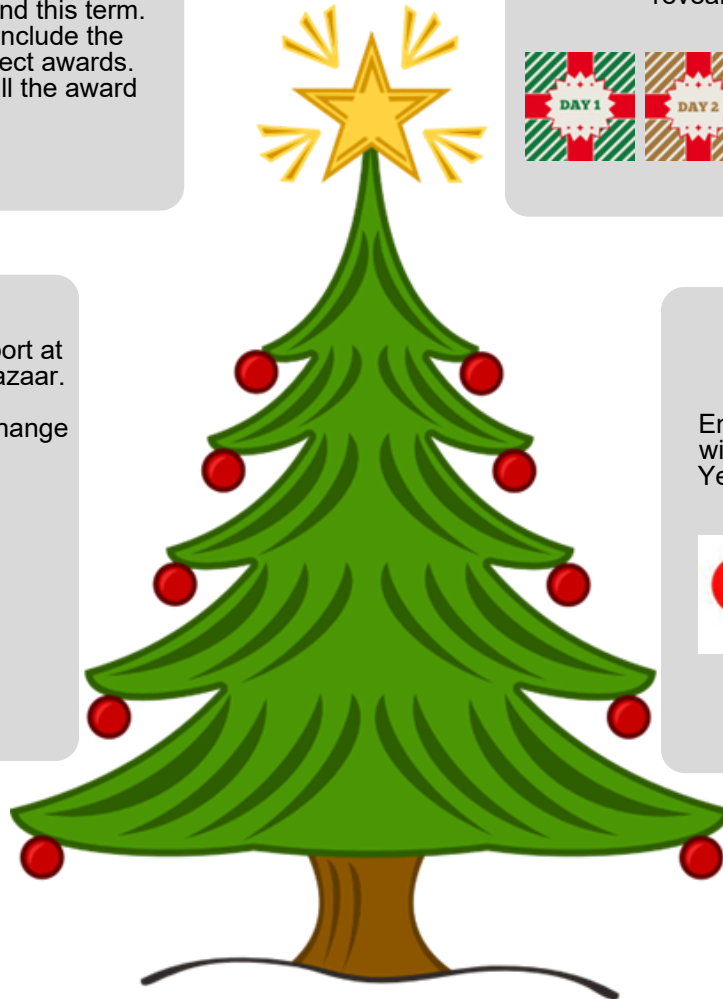
Remember to bring loose change (50p, £1 coins)



Mon 15 Dec - Year 9
Tue 16 Dec - Year 10
Thu 18 Dec - Year 7

Friday Period 5 Normal Lesson

Enjoy the last lesson of 2025 with the Big HGS Quiz of the Year in your Period 5 lesson.



Friday Non-Uniform Day

Students taking advantage of this will be expected to contribute £2 to the school charity, which this year is JustB a local charity in Harrogate offering support to children, young people and adults who have been bereaved.

Donations should be made via Arbor parent app within Arbor Shop. There is an option to pay for all non-uniform days to cover the whole year.

Your non-uniform including footwear must be safe and sensible and allow you to fully participate in all lessons, especially any practical subjects. Remember to bring your books and charged iPad to school, as this is a normal school day!

School will finish at 2:30pm on Friday 19 December, school buses have been asked to arrive one hour earlier than usual.

Have a restful, safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

HGS Social Media

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



Sixth Form Accounts



Rotary Young Photographer Competition

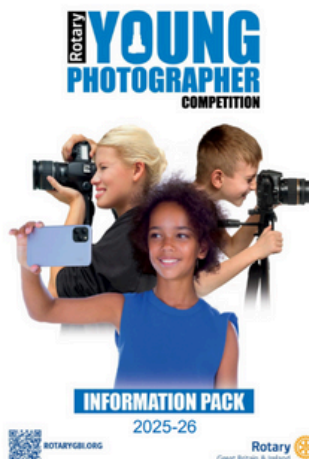
2025/6 Theme - Happiness in Nature

Calling All Young Photographers!

Unleash your creativity in the Rotary Young Photographers Competition with this year's inspiring theme: **"Happiness in Nature."** Show us your vision of joy in the natural world through an original, photographic image.

There's a cash prize for winners in both the Intermediate category (ages 11–13) and Senior category (ages 14–17)!

Join the Showbie class using the code WNHPA for full details and guidelines. School heat entries must be submitted by Monday, 2nd February to qualify for the regional stage—don't miss your chance to shine! Any question please see Miss Oates in Art.



Rotary Young Artists Competition

2025/6 Theme - Happiness in Nature

Calling All Young Artists!

Unleash your creativity in the Rotary Young Artist Competition with this year's inspiring theme: **"Happiness in Nature."** Show us your vision of joy in the natural world through an original, complete, two-dimensional artwork.

There's a cash prize for winners in both the Intermediate category (ages 11–13) and Senior category (ages 14–17)!

Join the Showbie class using the code GRZH7 for full details and guidelines. School heat entries must be submitted by Monday, 2nd February to qualify for the regional stage—don't miss your chance to shine! Any question please see Miss Oates in Art.



After School Sports Clubs

Please note that all after school sports clubs have finished for the Autumn Term.

Year 11 Rugby training will take place on Tue 16 December.

Our Spring Timetable for PE can be accessed [here](#).

****New club from January - Year 8/9 Boys Hockey on a Monday, book a place via Arbor Clubs****



Click on the image above to access our sports fixture list



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:

- Reminder non-uniform day
- PE newsletter Autumn Term
- Year 9 options



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Information for Parents/Carers



via Arbor Shop

via Ticketsource



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 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

Last chance to enter

JOIN US FOR
BURNS NIGHT

**SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2026
7PM**

TICKETS: £45 INCLUDING ARRIVAL DRINK, 3-COURSE BURNS NIGHT MEAL, A WHISKY TOAST, PLUS CEILIDH BAND AND DANCING

DRESS: SMART WITH A TOUCH OF TARTAN. NO JEANS.

MONEY RAISED WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE HGS PE AND SPORTS DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT COMPLETING THE RENOVATION OF THE GIRLS CHANGING ROOMS.

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA ARBOR

Harrogate Grammar School presents...

OLIVER!

Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 February

Tickets: £5 concession, £8 adult
Doors at 6:30pm, performance at 7pm.

Tickets now on sale via Ticketsource

10 Tips For a More Sustainable Christmas Holiday

1. Use recycled and natural materials to decorate your home
2. Simplify or reuse holiday gift wrapping
3. Use smart plugs to control the lights on your Christmas trees
4. Rent or reuse your Christmas tree
5. Replace traditional bulbs with LED lights
6. Shop eco-friendly gifts for your loved ones
7. Prepare your Christmas dinner with local ingredients
8. Reduce food waste
9. Avoid travel and use public transportation
10. Start an eco-friendly holiday tradition

Arbor Parent App Survey

Arbor keen to hear from families about their experience using the Arbor Parent app. Your feedback help them to understand what works well and where improvements can be made.

We would appreciate it if you could take a few moments to share your thoughts via the link below. Your input will support Arbor in continuing to develop the app so that it best meets the needs of parents, carers and schools.

[Parent Survey - Arbor Parent app](#)

Thank you in advance for your time and for helping to ensure the app remains as useful and user-friendly as possible.

Parent Volunteers Needed

To support our Career Pathway Talks with Year 12

A key part of our Progression support programme is our Career Pathway talks where students in Year 12 get to hear from professionals in a range of industries.

Speakers have shared their career journey, industry and offered practical advice to support students.

The Career Pathway sessions allow students to make informed decisions about their route post-18.

2026 dates

- Tuesday 20 January 8.30am to 10am
- Tuesday 21 April 8.30am to 10am

If you would like to participate, please email our Assistant Director of Sixth Form, Miss Russell on RussellH@hgs.rkit.co.uk

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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 15 Dec - no session taking place

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

House Competitions w/c 15 December

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
- Please note, there will be no lunchbox service during break in the Hall w/c 15 December

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

Sparx Reader Competition

- The top 3 forms per year group will earn House Points





Breaktime - Main Hall
Year 7: Thu 18 Dec
Year 8: Fri 12 Dec
Year 9: Mon 15 Dec
Year 10: Tue 16 Dec

Bizarre Bazaars



Cash only event
Remember to bring
50p and £1 coins













Get involved - bake some christmas treats or work in your form to help create fun games

Sparx Reader



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.

Information for Sixth Form Students

Year 12 External Exams

Students sitting exams for externally assessed units for applied courses need to check their exam timetable carefully. This is also available on Arbor. Students who have an exam in the afternoon may have study leave in the morning please ensure you check your timetables on Arbor.

Prior to your exams, please check exam expectations list below.

Year 13 Mock and External Exams

Please be reminded of the following:

- Personal exam timetables can be viewed through Arbor in the examinations section
- During the exam period (Monday 5 January – Friday 16 January 2026) you will have home study leave and are only required to come into school for your exams
- Study areas in school will be open if you would prefer to come in to school to work, or if you need to wait for buses after an exam and need somewhere to study
- Those of you studying Design subjects will have fewer written exams and are strongly encouraged to come into school to use the studio space and equipment during the mock period

Exam expectations:

- Arrive in good time. The bag room is S06 for the duration of the exam period
- All exams will be conducted under formal exam conditions, therefore there must be silence upon entering and leaving the exam room as well as during the exam.
- You must not take any type of device into the exam room, such as a mobile phone or smart watch
- Writing equipment must be in a clear, see-through pencil case or plastic bag and any water bottles must be clear/see through, without no writing on them and have any labels removed
- The Sixth Form dress code applies for all exams

Early Finish – Friday 19 December

On the last day of term Friday 19 December Sixth Form will close at 12.55pm, at the end of P4.

Year 13 Parent Survey – December 2025

A reminder to please complete the Year 13 Parent Survey if you have not done so already. Please access this via the link here - [HGS Year 13 Parent Survey](#).

We welcome feedback and value open communications between home and school. Please ensure this is completed by Monday 15 December.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at mail@hgs.rklt.co.uk

Progression and Careers

A key part of our Progression support programme is our Career Pathway talks where students in Year 12 get to hear from professionals in a range of industries. Over the past academic year we have welcomed over 45 speakers from industries including business and finance, medical science, fashion and law. Speakers have shared their career journey, industry insight and offered practical advice to support students. The Career Pathway sessions allow students to make informed decisions about their route post-18.

We have two dates running in the New Year which are:

- Tuesday 20th January (8.30-10am)
- Tuesday 21st April (8.30-10am)

To find out more about our programme please [click here](#) and if you would like to participate then please email our Assistant Director of Sixth Form, Miss Russell (RussellH@hgs.rklt.co.uk)

Please follow links below to each section for further details.

[Super-curricular](#)

[Career and
Apprenticeship
Opportunities](#)

[Career
Pathways](#)



Festive Coffee Morning

On Friday last week, we welcomed members of our local community to the Festive Coffee Morning. Music and Performing Arts students put on a fantastic performance, our catering team treated our guests to delicious Christmas bakes and everyone loved the raffle. Thank you for all donations.

A big thank you to all the students who helped make this such a memorable event.



Christmas Concert

Thank you to all the performers for a fantastic Christmas Concert on Thursday evening. It was amazing to see so many parents supporting this annual event. A big thank also to all the Music faculty.



Christmas Shoe Boxes

Our Year 12 Charities Committee organised this year's Shoebox Appeal, donating to 'The Village Harrogate' and The Refuge Council, local charities that provides essential items to families and children in Harrogate and Ripon. Year 12 created more than 80 shoeboxes to be shared across the two charities.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity - your donations truly make a difference.



Netball & Rugby Success

Well done to the U13 netball team, through to the 4th round of the Sisters in Sport Plate competition. They showed real determination and composure to secure the win against Upton High. Good luck in the next round.

Congratulations to the Year 10 rugby team.

Following a fantastic performance, they have successfully gone through to the final 16 of the national bowl competition.



Lost Property

Have you mislaid your coat, blazer, hoodie, shoes, bag, water bottle?

We would love to reunited all the lost property items with their owners.

We have lots of unnamed items in main reception.

Please do come along and reclaim your lost items before the start of the Christmas break. Any unclaimed items will be gifted to charity at the start of the Spring Term.



Lost and Found PE kits

As well as lost property in main reception, there is also a box located outside the PE office which contains any PE kit left in changing rooms.

Please look in the lost property box outside the PE office if you have mislaid any PE kit.

