

Student Weekly News

w/c 12 January 2026

Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
w/c 12 Jan	Year 11 Mock Speaking exams	Year 11
	Year 13 Mock exams	Year 13
Mon 12 Jan	Year 11 Taster Day Sixth Form Year 12 Home Study Day	Year 11 Year 12
Tue 13 Jan	German Exchange Parent Information Meeting - 6pm, Forum	Year 10-12
Wed 14 Jan	Ski Trip Parent Information Meeting - 6pm, Hall	
	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Information Meetings Students 2.45pm to 4pm - Main Hall Parent Information Evening - 6pm, Forum	Year 10
Thu 15 Jan	Theatre Trip - Christmas Carol (Leeds)	Year 10/12
	Year 9 Options (Parent Information Evening), 6pm, Hall	Year 9
Sat 17 Jan	Sixth Form Open Afternoon 2-4pm	Year 11

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
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

Spotlight: Martin Luther King Day



Since 1986, the third Monday of January has been recognised by the US government as Martin Luther King Day.

This year, this falls on Saturday 19 January. Read some interesting facts below about how he inspired so many people.

What will you do on Martin Luther King Day to be of service to your community inside and outside of school?

1

Martin Luther King Day is the only US public holiday that commemorates an African-American. However, instead of being a day when schools and businesses are shut (like bank holidays in the UK), Americans see it as a national day of service "a day on, not a day off".

2

During the 1950s and 1960s, Dr Martin Luther King Jr inspired thousands of Americans to campaign peacefully against racial injustice in the USA. He organised and led sit-ins, marches and other peaceful demonstrations that highlighted racial and economic inequalities. Partly as a result of his actions, the US government passed the Civil Rights Act in 1964, which said that all Americans, black and white, were equal under the law and had exactly the same rights. On 4 April 1968, at the age of only 39, he was shot dead by a white supremacist in Memphis, Tennessee. He had travelled to the city to lead a march in support of striking sanitation workers.

3

Dr King saw education as critical to people being able to improve their lives. In an essay as a university student in 1947, he wrote that '[Education must enable one to sift and weigh evidence, to discern the true from the false, the real from the unreal, and the facts from the fiction. The function of education, therefore, is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of the true education.](#)'

Termly Curriculum Overviews

Click on the links opposite to find out what topics you will be studying this term in each subject.

[Year 7, 8 and 9](#)

[Year 10 and 11](#)

[Year 12](#)

[Year 13](#)

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.



Click on the image above to access our sports fixture list

No cancelled after school sports clubs w/c 12 January



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



Parent Communications this week

Whole year group communications that have been sent this week:

- Sparx Reader Update - Years 7 to 10



HGS Social Media

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



Sixth Form Accounts



Information for Year 11

Date	Event
Monday 12 January	Year 11 Taster Day in Sixth Form or Careers Day
Saturday 17 January	Sixth Form Open Afternoon 1pm to 3.30pm An opportunity to meet the Sixth Form team, book here
Friday 23 January	Deadline for Sixth Form applications
Tuesday 10 February	Year 11 Reaching for Success Parent Information Evening, Main Hall, 6pm
March	Coursing discussions will take place with the Sixth Form team - details of your allocated date and time will be issued to you near the time,
Useful Links	Sixth Form Application Form (log in details emailed to you end of October) Sixth Form Prospectus Any questions - please email HGSSixthForm@hgs.rklt.co.uk

Year 11 Taster Day in Sixth Form - Monday 12 January

We are looking forward to welcoming you to HGS Sixth Form or the Careers Day on Monday 12 January. This is a great opportunity for you to experience an insight into life in the Sixth Form or obtain important information during the Careers Day to support you in your post 16 options.

Students have selected six subjects they wish to 'taste' on this day. The subject selection is for the Taster Day only and this does not mean that you have to select these subjects on your application form. If you have not already received your timetable for Monday, please see one of the Sixth Form team first thing on Monday morning who will be located outside the Forum.

At normal registration time, please register with your Form Tutor in the room stated opposite at 8.50am.

Dress code: students are expected to dress smartly and appropriately for learning, no jeans, trainers or hoodies.

What to bring: pencil case, notebook and fully charged iPad

Showbie code: please join this showbie code **7TF2B** before Monday

Students will be able to purchase refreshments in G2 at break and lunch via your cashless catering account.



Form	Classroom	Form	Classroom
11SJA	S26	11ABM	S27
11KZG	S01	11BXD	S05
11JXC	S29	11JDK	S02a
11JWI	S04	11CMM	S03
11CPM	S25	11KRG	S30

Year 11 Revision / Masterclasses

Details of all Year 11 revision sessions and masterclasses can be found on the link below:

[Year 11 Support webpage](#)

***New** Maths Masterclasses** - Monday 5pm to 5.45pm (Groups 1&2), Wednesday 4pm to 4.45pm (Group 3), Wednesday 5pm to 5.45pm (Groups 4&5) - these will commence from Wednesday 14 January

Information for Year 9

Year 9 GCSE Options - learn more about different courses

Do you want to learn more about a certain GCSE course before submitting your Year 9 options form?

Alongside the Year 9 options booklet and subject videos, which you can access via the link below, you can also pop along to the following face-to-face information sessions to hear more about the course, meet the teachers, talk to some current Year 10 and 11 students who are studying this subject and ask any questions you may have.

All sessions will take place from 1pm to 1.15pm in A50 (unless stated).

- **GCSE Food or Hospitality and Catering - Tuesday 13 January in D03**
- **GCSE Art and Photography - Tuesday 13 January in D10**
- **GCSE DT - Tuesday 13 January in D05**
- **GCSE and BTEC PE - Wednesday 14 January in A50**
- **GCSE Business - Thursday 15 January in A50 1pm to 1.15pm**
- **GCSE Sociology - Thursday 15 January in A50 1.15pm to 1.30pm**

Key Dates

w/c Monday 12 January - recommendations email to students and parents (covering MFL and Humanities)

Thursday 15 January - Parent Information Evening, 6pm in the Main Hall

Tuesday 20 January - Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening

Monday 26 January - Deadline to submit options form

Useful links

- [Year 9 options booklet and videos](#)
- [Year 9 options form](#)
- MFL and Humanities recommendations - emailed w/c 12 January to your school email address

Information for Sixth Form Students

Yr 12 Home Study Day - Monday 12 January

All Year 12 students have a Home Study Day on Monday 12 January 2026. There will be no lessons for Year 12 on this day and students are not expected in school.

This is a fabulous opportunity to consider potential work experience opportunities, and to build a short-list of employers to contact. The work experience process has been launched this week during Progression and you can use the email template on the lesson [here](#) to contact employers.

You can also use this opportunity to complete a MOOC (Massive Open online Course) on a topic of your choice. Completing one of these courses really helps to make you stand out when it comes to applying for university or apprenticeships. It shows that you have actively sought to develop your understanding of a subject beyond the school curriculum. Courses are available through FutureLearn (free of charge), browse the wide range of courses [here](#).

Yr 12 Career Pathway Talks

Our second career pathway talks will take place on Tuesday 20 January. Please register with your form tutor at 8.50am in your form room before heading to your first talk at 9am. You will be able to see your speaker schedule from Monday 19 January on the grey boards near reception and in G2. If you have any questions please speak to Miss Russell or Mrs Harriss.

Yr 13 Apprenticeship and Employment Conference

On Wednesday 4 February, we are hosting an event in school with a range of employers who offer apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships and employment for school leavers. The conference will include a careers style fair during lunchtime where you can network with employers. We are also going to offer a mock assessment centre and an interview to support you with the application process from 2.45pm onwards.

Students who expressed an interest in this event before the Christmas break have been contacted. If you would like to take part then you need to complete the form [here](#) by Friday 16 January. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Miss Russell on RussellH@hgs.rklt.co.uk.

Yr 12 World of Work Week: 13 - 17 July

Please click [here](#) to access information regarding the World of Work week for all Year 12 students taking place between 13-17 July.

St Catharine's Outreach News: Humanities Residential

Exciting Opportunity for Year 12s Interested in Studying Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences.

If you'd like to find out more about studying here, then our SCHOLAR (St Catharine's Humanities Outreach-Led Access Residential) stay might be for you!

The event is aimed at students in Year 12 who are considering studying a course within the arts or humanities at university. The residential will provide successful applicants with the opportunity to explore a number of subjects in more depth, get a taste of life at Cambridge, meet current students and staff, and find out more about the application process and Cambridge as a city. We hope that students will get a taste of university life, and what studying an arts or humanities subject at Cambridge involves.

Click [here](#) for further information

Progression and Careers

There are many other new opportunities live this week including some fantastic degree apprenticeships on the links below.

[Career and
Apprenticeship
Opportunities](#)

[Super-curricular](#)

[Work Experience](#)

[Career
Pathways](#)

Life @ HGS

PTA update

We will be holding our next PTA meeting and an EGM on **Wednesday 28 January at 6.30pm** in the Sixth Form.

At this meeting we are hoping to appoint our new committee members.

All parents are welcome to join us, we would love to see you on 28 January.

Thank you for your support.

Sponsorship Opportunities - Oliver! Production

Would you like to sponsor our school production?

Our school production, Oliver! is taking place in February and we are looking for individuals and local businesses to sponsor the production for example:

- Good luck message in the programme - £5 per entry
- Business advertisement - £20 (1/4 page) £40 (1/2 page) £70 (full page)
- Sponsor a song - appropriate donations welcome

Funds raised will be used to support the cost of the set production, costumes, lighting, sound etc.

For more information and to register your interest, please complete [this form](#) by **Friday 16 January**.



School Events

via Arbor Shop



via [Ticketsource](#)

