



Student Weekly News

w/c 19 January 2026

Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
Sat 17 Jan	Sixth Form Open Afternoon 2pm to 4pm	Year 11
w/c 19 Jan	Student Council meetings	Monday - Year 11 Tuesday - Year 10 & 12 Wednesday - Year 9 Thursday - Year 13 Friday - Year 7 Monday 26 Jan - Year 8
Tue 20 Jan	Year 9 Parents Evening (online) 4pm to 7pm	Year 9
Fri 23 Jan	Sixth Form application deadline	Year 11
Mon 26 Jan to Mon 2 Feb	Spanish Exchange (home leg)	Years 10-13
Wed 28 Jan	PTA EGM and meeting - 6pm	Sixth Form
Sun 1 Feb to Sun 8 Feb	German Exchange (home leg)	Years 10-13
Mon 2 Feb	Year 12 Rudding Park visit (Food and Nutrition students)	Year 12
Tue 3 Feb	Year 13 mock results handed out, 8.50am, Forum	Year 13
Tue 3 Feb	Senate	All years
Fri 6 Feb	Car Free Friday	All years

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	11 12 13	Hall Forum Forum	Register in the Hall from 8.40am Assembly in Forum then progression with your form tutor Register with Form Tutor, then Progression Assembly in 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

Spotlight: Holocaust Memorial



Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) takes place on 27 January each year and is a time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides, which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

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Holocaust Memorial Day is a time when we seek to learn the lessons of the past and recognise that genocide does not just take place on its own – it is a process which can begin if discrimination, racism and hatred are not checked and prevented. We are fortunate here in the UK; we are not at immediate risk of genocide. However, discrimination has not ended, nor has the use of the language of hatred or exclusion.

There is still much to do to create a safer future and HMD is an opportunity to start this process.

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The theme this year is 'Bridging Generations', this is a reminder that the responsibility of remembrance does not end with the survivors – it lives on through their children, their grandchildren and through all of us. This year's theme encourages us all to engage actively with the past – to listen, to learn and to carry those lessons forward. By doing so, we build a bridge between memory and action, between history and hope for the future.

Genocide doesn't discriminate by age: infants, children, adults and the elderly have all experienced unimaginable suffering in different ways. In many cases, entire family lines were erased. We are invited to honour each life – and honour those who left no family to carry their legacy – whose legacies live through books, films and other interpretations.



We are all ordinary people today who can be extraordinary in our actions.

We can all make decisions to challenge, stand up to hatred and to speak out. If you witness or experience any form of bullying or harassment, then please speak to an adult in school or use the REACH Out form to report it.

Spotlight: World Religion Day

World Religion Day 2026 takes place on Sunday 18 January.

It takes place each January, aiming to promote understanding and peace between all religions as well as mutual understanding and tolerance between people from different backgrounds.

World Religion Day was established by the Bahá'í Faith community in the United States in 1950. This day encourages people of all backgrounds to explore the teachings and principles of various religions and to promote unity and understanding among different faiths.

World Religion Day 2026 is a day dedicated to acknowledging and respecting the various religious traditions and beliefs practised around the world. It encourages individuals to learn about different religions, engage in interfaith conversations, and work towards a more harmonious and inclusive society.



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Careers in Focus

Every month we will feature a subject or faculty and link to education pathways and careers/industries and the world of work.

This month our focus is....

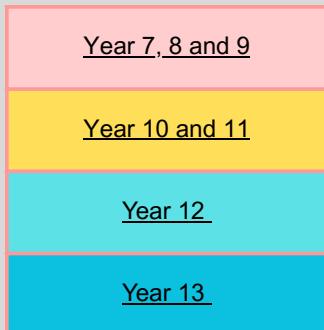


Click on the following links for more information:

Careerpilot - learn more about jobs, apprenticeships, vocational and degree courses in....	<u>Art/Design</u>	<u>DT</u>	<u>Food</u>
What can I do with a degree in....	<u>Art/Design</u>	<u>DT</u>	<u>Food</u>

Termly Curriculum Overviews

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



 **PE FIXTURES**

Click on the image above to access our sports fixture list

The following Sports Clubs have been cancelled w/c 19 Jan:

Year 11 Rugby - Tue
Year 9&10 Rugby - Wed
Girls Rugby - Thu



PRE-ORDERS NOW AVAILABLE

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ORDER BY 8AM 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:

- Year 9 DTP vaccination - email sent from the NHS immunisation team



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Information for Year 7-11

House Football and Netball

Dates for your diary.

House Football and Netball will take place later this term.

More information to follow regarding how to sign up.

Year 7	Friday 13 February - Periods 1 & 2
Year 8	Thursday 12 February - Periods 1 & 2
Year 9	Thursday 12 February - Periods 5 & 6
Year 10	Wednesday 11 February - Period 1 & 2
Year 11	Friday 13 February - Periods 5 & 6



Student Senior Leadership Applications

On Tuesday during Big Picture you will watch videos from 14 students who have applied to be your Head Student.

Each student will speak for 30-60 seconds, explaining how they will be an effective Head Student at HGS.

Once you have watched all the videos you will be able to vote for the student you feel would make the best Head Student. Please use the MS form to cast your vote, this will be emailed to all students on Tuesday morning.

Please cast your votes wisely, as these votes are used to decide who will progress to the next stage of the process.



Year 9 Opportunity - The Outward Bound Trust - Golden Ticket

Following our fantastic trips to Ullswater and Howtown with the Outward Bound Trust in September, HGS has been given 'two golden tickets'. These tickets provide up to 75% funding towards one of the Outward Bound Trust's summer courses.

You can find out more about these summer courses [here](#).

If you are interested in receiving one of these golden tickets, please produce a colourful and informative poster promoting the benefits of spending time outdoors. The deadline for entries is **Monday 9 February**. Students should hand in their A4 poster to the Geography office (next to A04).



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Sixth Form Accounts



Information for Year 11

Date	Event
Saturday 17 January	Sixth Form Open Afternoon 2pm to 4pm 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 Sixth Form Applications - Deadline to apply Friday 23 February

We hope you all enjoyed the Sixth Form Taster Day and Careers Day on Monday, and this has helped you decide which subjects you would like to study in Sixth Form or supported you in understanding your post 16 options. If you are still unsure, please do talk to your subject teachers. Sixth Form applications should be submitted by Friday 23 January - a link to the application form and prospectus can be found above. Further support for the application process can be found in the Showbie class that you signed up to on the taster day.

On Saturday, the Sixth Form team will be available at our open afternoon from 2pm to 4pm. The afternoon will include a tour of the facilities, an opportunity to ask any questions about life in Sixth Form at HGS. Please note, subject teachers will not be present at this event. If you would like to attend, please use the link above to book tickets.



Year 11 Revision / Masterclasses

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

[Year 11 Support webpage](#)

Year 11 Use of LRC for study

A reminder that Year 11 students can access the LRC during lunchtimes to complete silent study.

The LRC is a quiet zone that allows Year 11 students to complete some targeted revision during their lunch break.

Year 11 Revision - Science Support

To support you prepare for your second mock exams in 4 weeks time, Science are running the following support sessions:

- **Masterclasses** - please see separate email which includes a link to week 1. Join showbie group **ZRT9J**, to access work to be completed during the masterclass. Please complete ONE of the masterclasses between Monday 19 Jan and Sunday 25 Jan. Each week a new masterclass will be released.
- **Monday lunchtime drop in**, A16, at 1.05pm. This week will look at the required practical 'Investigating Infrared Radiation'.
- **Wednesday Period 5 revision session**, A16. This week's topic: Physics, Investigative skills in Physics
- **Educake revision competition**. This will run between Mon 19 Jan and Wed 4 March. Prizes will be awarded to individuals and classes that complete the most Educake questions.
- **Revision resources** are available in your Science Showbie revision folder.

Information for Sixth Form Students



The Sixth Form
at Harrogate Grammar School
Excellence For All

Year 13 Mock results and feedback

Well done for approaching the mock exams with such maturity and focus. The invigilators and the Sixth Form Team have been really impressed with the way that you conducted yourselves.

Lessons return to normal on Monday morning. Over the next 2 weeks, teachers will be focusing on teaching important content from each course. Teachers will be marking papers during this time, and you will not receive feedback from the exams during this 2-week period. Tuesday 3 February is the mock results day. You will collect your results from the Forum during Progression, and the lessons for the remainder of that week will focus on reviewing your exam papers and setting targets from feedback.

Year 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.

Year 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.

Year 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.

No Rush to Accept University Offers!

We are aware that several students are receiving offers from universities, and some of you have received all of your offers. Please be aware that the deadline to accept offers is not until Wednesday 4 June. There is no rush to accept offers, and we strongly recommend that you wait and consider your decision carefully. We will be providing more details about accepting offers in the new year, but for now we suggest that you think carefully about these 3 things:

1. Is the course content right for you? Look at the type of assessment and the specific modules
2. Is the university and the city the right place for you?
3. Are the grades achievable, for a firm choice and for an insurance choice?

Library Study

If you find it difficult to study at home or you would like a change of scene, please follow this [link](#) to find a local library with study space, computers and opening times. Becoming a member of the library is free and can be done [here](#) online or in person at any library.

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](#)

[Career Pathways](#)

[Work Experience](#)

[Super-curricular](#)

Life @ HGS

Year 8 Trip to 'The Deep'

Year 8 students visited 'The Deep' in Hull last week, the trip linked with their studies on ecosystems and sustainability within Geography lessons. Students took part in a workshop on plastics in our oceans and the effect it has on wildlife and people. Students had time to explore 'The Deep', enhancing their knowledge of our planet and the roles the oceans have, including the effects humans have on the oceans.



Click on image below to access the video from our Christmas Concert.

Thank you to Mr Stanhope for filming the concert.



School Events

 via [Ticketsource](#)



Thu sold out