



Student Weekly News

w/c 2 February 2026

Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
w/c 26 January	REACH week 2	Years 7 to 11
	Food Bank donations (Aqua)	Years 7 to 11
Mon 26 Jan to Mon 2 Feb	Spanish Exchange (home leg)	Years 10-13
Sun 1 Feb to Sun 5 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
Wed 4 Feb	Year 8 Big Picture morning	Year 8
Fri 6 Feb	Car Free Friday & Number Day	All years
Fri 6 Feb	Year 12 BTEC drama, co-create festival, York	Year 12



Assemblies - please note new days per Year Group

Day	Time	Year	Location	Additional Information
Monday	8.50am	11	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Tuesday	8.50am 8.50am	7 13	Hall Forum	Register in the Hall from 8.40am Mock result hand out (Forum)
Wednesday	8.50am	8	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Thursday	8.50am	10	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Friday	8.50am 12.00	9 7	Hall Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am Register in the Hall P4

Spotlight - Number Day

We are celebrating Number Day on Friday 6 February. We are running an Interhouse competition, all entries to be submitted by 3.30pm on Friday 6 February. This competition is open to all year groups. Complete [this link](#) with your answers (by Sunday 8 February)

Can you guess our favourite number?

? 3 ? 6 ?
2 ? GUESS THE 5
? NUMBER ?
10 ? 4 ? 8 ?

1

Mr Hill

$$2(x+5) = 144$$

2

Miss Fareham

The last digit of this calculation
 $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 6 \times 7 \times 8 \times 9$

3

Mr Reed

A number is increased by 20%, then decreased by 10%.
The final result is 54.
What is 30% of the original number?

4

Mr Stockton-Pitt

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{4}{1} =$$

5

Mr Mooney

Two years ago, I was three times as old as my brother was.
In three years, I will be twice as old as my brother.
How old are we now?

6

Miss Williamson

$$\sqrt[4]{81}$$

7

Mr Ellis

The sum of three consecutive prime numbers is 201.
The middle prime is my favourite number.
What is the number?

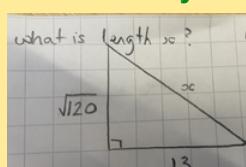
8

Miss Bennett

A rollercoaster carries the same number of people in each cart.
There are 4 carts.
6 people get off at the end.
26 people remain.
How many people were in each cart to begin with?

9

Mx Oatley



Enter your answers here

Number
Day 2026

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](#)



Click on the image above to access our sports fixture list

The following Sports Clubs have been cancelled w/c 26 Jan:
Wednesday - Netball Y9 & Football Y7



PRE-ORDERS NOW AVAILABLE

DELICIOUS SANDWICHES & SANDWICH MEAL DEAL

ORDER VIA THE QR CODE OPPOSITE

ORDER BY 9AM 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 introducing the new committee



Food bank donations - Aqua House - w/c 2 February



Are in Aqua?

Next week w/c 2 February we will collecting food donations from all students in Aqua. Please food donations to the Atrium.

Wondering if your form is in Aqua, a list of all forms can be found below.

70RP 7AND	8AQI 8FGM	9ADJ 9LED 9RSS	10JEH 10SYJ 10JDS	11JXC 11ABM 11KRG
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Burns Night Raffle tickets

Burns Night Raffle tickets are now available to purchase via the Arbor Parent App/School Shop. Tickets are priced at £2 per ticket

Deadline to purchase midday on Thursday 5 February.

[Click here](#) for more information.



Information for Year 7-11

REACH fortnight w/c 2 February

Our values
RESPECT Respect yourself, others and our environment
EXCELLENCE Be the best you can be
ADVENTURE Challenge yourself and keep going
COMMITMENT Participate, prepare and be punctual
HONESTY Ask for help, act on advice and take responsibility

The opportunity to earn **double positives** when demonstrating our REACH values continues this week.

Teachers will be looking out for students who go above and beyond and rewarding positives for:

- Respectful and kind behaviour
- Leadership and service
- Active participation
- High productivity
- Home learning
- Resilience/learner resilience
- Extra curricular activity
- 100% attendance
- Independent reading
- Careers Participation

And of course...there are prizes! The top performing form in each year group will be crowned champions - so every positive counts.

Year 8 Big Picture - Careers Morning - Wednesday 4 February

On Wednesday 4 February, Year 8 will be participating in a careers themed morning to help support and inspire students in their future decision making. The morning has been split as follows, with students attending three presentations followed by team building activities. Please register as normal in your form room. Each form will have allocated tables in the Hall, you will not require your iPads for the Careers session but please bring your iPad into school for your normal timetabled lessons.



	RIGHT POPULATION 8EXR, 8LMB, 8FXM, 8MGS, 8LZN	LEFT POPULATION 8GZP, 8JZW, 8AQI, 8RRP, 8LFH
Period 1&2	Normal timetabled lessons	Hall: Careers presentations and activities
Period 3&4	Hall: Careers presentations and activities	Normal timetabled lessons
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.

Wet Lunches

Year Group	Location	Year Group	Location
7	Classrooms A17 to A23	8	Hall
9	Gym 2 & A01	10	Mon - A10 to A13 & A25 Tue to Fri - Sports Hall
11	Atrium, A14 & LRC (silent study space)		

Information for Year 11

Date	Event
Tuesday 10 February	Year 11 Reaching for Success Parent Information Evening, Main Hall, 6pm
Friday 20 February	<u>Leavers' Hoodie</u> deadline to place your order
wc 23 February, 2 & 9 March	Year 11 mock exams (see timetable below)
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,
From 7 March	Saturday revision sessions 10am to 1pm (book via Arbor/Clubs)
Friday 8 May	<u>Leavers' Ball</u> deadline to book your place

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WC 23 FEB	P1/2 English Lit Paper 1 P5/6 Maths	P1 History Paper 1 P3/4 class 113/Fr1 Listening & Reading	P1/2 Biology Paper 2	P3/4 English Lang Paper 2	P3/4 Maths
WC 2 MAR	P1/2 Chemistry Paper 2 P3/4 class 112/Fr1 Listening & Reading	P1/2 Physics Paper 2		No exams	
WC 9 MAR	P3/4 MFL listening & reading - German - Spanish - Class 111/Fr1		No exams		

Year 11 Saturday Revision

Book your place via Arbor Parent App, Clubs section.

10am to 1pm, G2

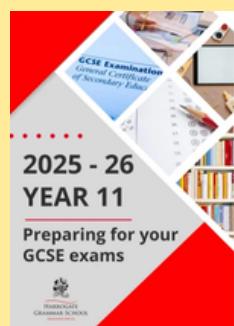
- Saturday 7, 14, 21 March
- Saturday 18, 25 April
- Saturday 2 & 9 May

Preparing for your Exams Week by Week Resource

We are delighted to launch our 'Preparing for your Exams' booklet.

This contains:

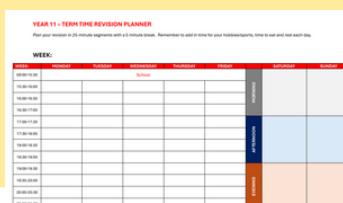
- summer exam dates
- revision tips
- blank revision templates
- a bank of must do, should do and could do activities for each subject



This resource has been provided to help you plan your revision from now until the start of the exams. You will find a week-by-week suggestion for each subject of how to structure your revision, as we know sometimes the hardest thing is knowing where to start. Most of the must do tasks are homework tasks, but these are generally revision and recall tasks. You can tick off the tasks and also annotate a Red, Amber, Green status for each week so you know which topics you need to revisit. **The tasks commence from w/c 16 February.**

Download the sections for the subject you are studying via [this link](#) (click on the red banner at the bottom of the page).

Electronic copies of the **blank study timetables** can be accessed by clicking the images opposite.



Information for Sixth Form Students

Year 13 Revision Sessions

Day	Time	Subject	Room
Monday	1 - 1.40pm	Physics	S29
Monday (Week A)	3.40 - 4.30pm	Geography	S26
Tuesday	1 - 1.40pm	Chemistry	S29
Tuesday	1 - 1.40pm	NEA support	S28
Wednesday (Week A)	3.30 - 4.30pm	Product Design	D05
Thursday	1 - 1.30pm	Religious Studies	S06
Thursday	1.05 - 1.40pm	Sociology	S04
Thursday (week A)	3.30 - 4.30pm	Maths/ Core Maths/ AS Maths / Further Maths	A14
Thursday (week B)	3.40 - 4.30pm	Geography	S26
Friday	3.30 - 4.30pm	Maths	S03
Everyday	1 - 1.40pm	Product Design	D05

The Bar Mock Trial

The Bar Mock Trial sessions will be starting up again on Monday 2 February after school from 3:30pm-4:00pm. This is open to all sixth form students who are interested. Please sign up via Arbor.

Email Miss Meenagh if you have any questions.

Yr12 Prospective Medics, Dentists and Vets

Year 12 prospective medics, dentists and vets - meeting Tuesday 3 February period 1 with Miss Parker. Room to be confirmed via email to those involved.

Year 13 Apprenticeship and Employment Conference - 12.30pm onwards

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 run by Mott Macdonald Bentley and an interview with an employer 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 have any questions about this event, please contact Miss Russell on RussellH@hgs.rkt.co.uk

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KS5 – Summer 2026 External Exam Timetables

Please [click here](#) to access a copy of the Summer Exam timetable.

Please note there are two contingency afternoons and a contingency day. All students taking A Level examination must plan to be available on these dates in case of any disruption. Where a student has a clash, these will be resolved through an individual timetable communicated nearer the time. Full Examinations information can be found in the Examinations section of the HGS website: [click here](#).

Year 13 University Finance and Advisory Evening 2026 – 4 March

On Wednesday 4 March, 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.

The Sutton Trust Summer Schools - free university experiences

The Sutton Trust Summer Schools offer free, week-long university experiences for Year 12 students across the UK. Participants explore over 40 subjects through academic taster sessions, attend undergraduate-level teaching, live in university accommodation, and receive expert guidance on UCAS, personal statements, and student finance. The programme helps students build confidence, develop key skills, and connect with peers and current undergraduates. It's an inspiring chance to experience real university life and boost future applications.

Use the link [here](#) to find out more about the programme.

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](#)

[Work Experience](#)

[Super-curricular](#)

[Career Pathways](#)

Mock Exam Feedback and Leavers Activities

Please click [here](#) for letter regarding Mock Exam feedback and Year 13 leavers activities.

Year 13 Parents' Consultation Evening - Tuesday 24 February

Please follow the link provided below to access a letter from Mr Twitchin regarding the Year 13 Parents' Consultation Evening taking place in school on Tuesday 24 February.

[Year 13 Parents' Consultation Letter](#)

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.

Life @ HGS

PTA update

Thank you to everyone who supported our call for new PTA volunteers. We are pleased to share that a new committee has now been elected:

- Rob Grand, our new Chair
- Carol Bolton and Miranda Duffy, our new co-vice chairs
- Paul Heckels, our new Treasurer

We extend our thanks to Rhona Johnston and Angela Wilson for their outstanding service over the past three years.

The PTA is already planning events for the remainder of the year, and details will be shared in future newsletters. The next PTA meeting will take place on Tuesday 28 April at 6.30pm - new faces and ideas are always welcome.



Car Free Friday
Friday 6 February

Get active and help the planet

Small travel changes make a big difference. Walk, cycle, hop on the bus, use public transport, or try a quick 'Park and Stride'. Fewer cars mean cleaner air, healthier communities, and a happier planet.

This week we welcomed the Spanish Exchange students

The Spanish Exchange students have enjoyed an action packed week at HGS. They arrived on Tuesday evening and have spent time exploring Harrogate, attending lessons with their HGS exchange partners, a day trip to York and on Friday they have made scones and enjoyed these as an afternoon tea treat with their HGS exchange partners.



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