



## Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
wc 2 March	Year 11 mock exams continue	Year 11
Wed 4 March	A Level Drama practical exam	Year 13
	Year 13 Student Finance/Advisory Evening, Forum 6.30pm	Year 13
	Year 12/13 Othello Production	Year 12/13
	Year 10 iPad handout	Year 10
Thu 5 March	GCSE and A Level Music Performance exam	Year 11 & 13
	World Book Day	All years
	Year 12 & 13 Religious Studies Trip	Year 12 & 13
	Year 10 GCSE History trip to Durham	Year 10
Sat 7 March	Year 11 Saturday Revision - session 1	Year 11 Book via Arbor/Clubs
Mon 9 March	Year 7 Big Picture morning - National Careers week	Year 7
Wed 11 & Thu 12 March	Year 11 Geography Fieldwork	Year 11

## Assemblies

Day	Time	Year	Location	Additional Information
Monday	8.50am	11	Hall	No Year 11 assembly due to mocks
Tuesday	8.50am 8.50am 9am	7 13 12	Hall Forum Forum	Y7 - Register in the Hall from 8.40am Y13 - Assembly in Forum, then progression with Form Y12 - Register with Form at 8.50am then progression assembly
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 - National Careers Week w/c 2 March

National Careers Week (NCW) aims to support young people to develop awareness and excitement about their future pathways.

## What do we have planned?

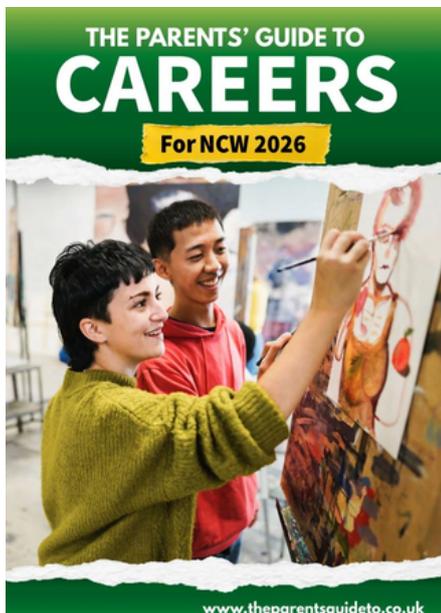
- Activities and resources will be shared with students during Big Picture lessons throughout this term
- Information will be shared throughout NCW via email and social media to help students develop their awareness of different careers including:

	REACH values	Subject Links
Monday	<u>R is for Retail</u>	<u>Art &amp; Design</u> <u>Business</u> <u>Computing</u>
Tuesday	<u>E is for Energy.</u>	<u>Design Technology.</u> <u>English &amp; Drama</u>
Wednesday	<u>A is for Agriculture</u>	<u>Food &amp; Nutrition</u> <u>Geography, History, RS</u>
Thursday	<u>C is for Construction</u>	<u>Maths</u> <u>Media Studies</u> <u>Modern Foreign Languages</u>
Friday	<u>H is for Hospitality.</u>	<u>Music</u> <u>PE</u> <u>Science</u>



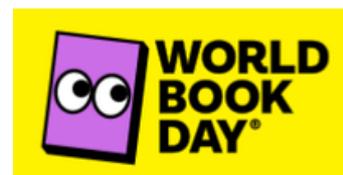
## Top tips

- We encourage students to attend the NCW 2026 Virtual Careers Fair (from Monday 2 March to Friday 6 March). The countdown video can be accessed here.
- Read the Parents' Guide to NCW 2026 - include spotlights on T Levels, career pathways and apprenticeships, options at 16 and 18 plus advice on work experience




# World Book Day 2026 - Thursday 5 March

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5 March. This day celebrates authors, illustrators, books and promotes a life-long love of reading. This year's theme is 'Go All In', encouraging children and teenagers to dive deeper into their passions, such as football, gaming, music etc. through reading.



As part of our celebration of World Book Day 2026, we will be:

- handing out World Book Day vouchers in the library over the next fortnight or download your [digital voucher here](#) to purchase one of the books below (from a participating bookseller)
- sharing a short story in one of your lessons on Thursday (Years 7 to 9)
- teachers will also be sharing what their favourite book, author or quotation is



## Invitation to Celebrate 200 years of Harrogate's First Hospital

2026 marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of the first hospital in Harrogate, The Royal Bath hospital which is a remarkable milestone in our community's history. The hospital welcome applications from our pupils that reflect the importance of this historic event. Submissions could take the form of written pieces, artwork, or creative projects that celebrate the hospital's legacy and its role in the life of Harrogate.

For secondary schools they suggest you write the following: "A Day at the Harrogate Spa" – diary entry, short story, or poem from a doctor or patient perspective. A maximum word count of 750 words.

Prizes:  
• £300 book voucher and £200 cash for the winning school  
• £100 voucher for Fat Badger/Pickled Sproat for the winning pupil applicant  
• 8 x £50 Fat badger /Pickled Sproat vouchers randomly drawn for all entries

**The deadline to enter is Tuesday 3 March.**

Entries must be emailed as a Word document to:  
[watsonm@hgs.rklt.co.uk](mailto:watsonm@hgs.rklt.co.uk)



# 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](#)



## PE FIXTURES

Click on the image above to access our sports fixture list

The following Sports Clubs have been cancelled w/c 2 Mar:

**Thursday - Year 7 Hockey**



**PRE-ORDERS NOW AVAILABLE**

**DELICIOUS SANDWICHES & SANDWICH MEAL DEAL**

ORDER VIA THE QR CODE OPPOSITE

ORDER BY 5AM 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:



# Extra-curricular Activities

What extra-curricular clubs or activities are you planning to attend in Spring 2?

Use [this link](#) to access the Extra-Curricular webpage, from here you can access the Enrichment brochure and up to date timetables for Spring 2 Term.

Your parent/carer can book a place for you on these clubs/activities via Arbor Parent App within the Clubs section.

### LUNCHTIME

**MONDAY**

- BOFF CHOIR - P1 (ALL)
- JUNIOR ORCHESTRA - P03 (Y7-9)
- MANDARIN CHESS - A25 (Y9-10)
- ZOONK MUSICAL - A03 (ALL INVITE POST AUCTIONERS)
- SENIOR IYER CLUB - A15 (Y9-10)

**TUESDAY**

- JUNGLEBOY & DRAGONS CLUB - A40 (ALL)
- JUNIOR CHOIR - P11 (Y7-8)
- PINECRAFT CLUB - A16 (Y8)
- SPARK HOPNOMIOM CLUB - A13 (Y7-11)

**WEDNESDAY**

- CREATIVE WRITING - A01 (S2/S3/ AAN (S24)
- MANDARIN CHESS (BEGINNERS) - A22 (Y8)
- PINECRAFT CLUB (NEER 8 ONLY) - A16 (Y7)
- SKAOPHONY - P10 (ALL)
- SCIENCE CLUB - A10 (Y1)
- STEERING ENSEMBLE - P03 (ALL)
- WARRIORS ALLIANCE - D16 (ALL)

**THURSDAY**

- CHESS CLUB - A8 (ALL)
- SO CLUB - J05 (Y10)
- OCCE DRAMA CATCH UP - A02 (Y10-11)
- OCCE PUZZLE CATCH UP - P13 (Y10-11)
- PINECRAFT CLUB - A16 (Y11)
- SONG WRITING CLUB - P11 (Y7-11)
- WARRIORS ALLIANCE - D16 (ALL)

**FRIDAY**

**LUNCHTIME**

- ART CLUB - D18 (Y7-8)
- PINECRAFT CLUB - A16 (Y1)

**BEFORE SCHOOL**

- NETBALL SQUAD - SPORTS HALL (Y7-11 INVITE ONLY)



### AFTER SCHOOL

**MONDAY**

- BOFF - FIELDS (Y1)
- NETBALL - COURTS (Y1)
- FOOTBALL BOYS - ASTRO (Y1) FIELDS (Y9-10)
- BAR ROCK TRIAL TEAM - J3 (Y11-S3)
- MANDARIN CHESS - A25 (Y9-10)
- NETBALL SQUAD - SP HALL (Y11 INVITE ONLY)
- HOME LEARNING CLUB - L1 (STUDENTS IN LS)
- ASXON PATHE CIRCLES - A31 (Y11 INVITE ONLY)
- YOUNG CHOIR - P11 (ALL INVITE ONLY)

**TUESDAY**

- HOCKEY GIRLS - ASTRO (Y7-11)
- ROBOTS - FIELDS (Y1)
- TABLE TENNIS - G19 (ALL)

**WEDNESDAY**

- FOOTBALL GIRLS - ASTRO (Y1)
- FOOTBALL BOYS - ASTRO/FIELDS (Y1)
- MANDARIN CHESS (BEGINNERS) - A22 (Y8)
- MATHS GCSE DROP IN - A31 (Y11)
- NETBALL SQUAD - COURTS/SP HALL (Y9-11 INVITE ONLY)
- RUGBY - FIELDS (Y9-10)

**THURSDAY**

- SINGERS/FTY - NIGHTS BOOBYM'S (Y10-11)
- FOOTBALL GIRLS - FIELDS (Y9-11)
- HOCKEY BOYS & GIRLS - ASTRO (Y1)
- JAZZ BAND - P03 (ALL)
- MATHS A LEVEL DROP IN - A16 (Y11-S3)
- HOME LEARNING CLUB - G1 (STUDENTS IN LS)
- ASXON PATHE CIRCLES - A31 (Y11 INVITE ONLY)

**FRIDAY**

- NETBALL - SPORTS HALL (Y10-13)
- DRAMA CLUB - A03 (Y7-11)
- NETBALL SQUAD - SP HALL (Y7-11)

**WEEKENDS**

- THE STREAM SOCIETY (EMAIL DR CURRAN OR SEE HER IN AIS FOR DETAILS)



### My Choices

Now you have decided which clubs and activities to attend and your parent/carer has booked your place, use the table below to record what extra-curricular clubs you have signed up for:

Club	Day	Time



2025 - 26

## Enrichment Brochure



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# Information for Year 11

Date	Event
Ongoing	Drop-in revision sessions, masterclasses and interventions continue - click <a href="#">this link</a> to access further information. Showbie code: BJWKR
wc 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

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Wc 2 March	P1/2 Chemistry Paper 2	P1/2 Physics Paper 2	No exams		
Wc 9 March	P3/4 Class 112/Fr1 Listening & Reading	No exams			
	P3/4 MFL Listening & reading German Spanish Class 111/Fr1				

## Year 11 Mocks

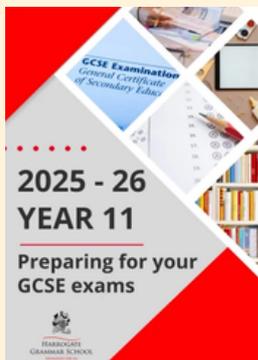
Well done for completing week 1 of your second mock exams. We have been delighted with the way you have embraced these mocks. Mocks continue this week.

Please check your Arbor calendar so you know when your mock exams are taking place, timings and where you need to be.

Remember, that if you have no exam, you will attend normal lessons.

## Year 11 Preparing for your GCSE Exams Booklet

Please click [on this link](#) to access the GCSE Exams booklet. This guide includes revision tips, blank revision templates, a bank of must do, should do and could do weekly activities for each subject to help you plan what to revise from now until the start of the exams. Download by clicking on the red bar at the bottom of [this page](#).



## Business Masterclasses

Dates for your diary:  
3.35pm to 4.15pm, Main Hall

Thu 19 March - Paper 1  
Thu 26 March - Paper 2  
Thu 16 April - exam skills  
Thu 23 April - drop in  
Thu 4 May - drop in

## Revision sessions - Saturdays and Easter - have you booked your place?

**Saturday revision sessions** have proved a popular choice for Year 11 students to complete silent independent study away from distractions.

Sessions can be booked [via Arbor/Clubs](#).

These sessions will take place on:

**MARCH: 7, 14 & 21    APRIL: 18 & 25    MAY: 2 & 9**

**Easter Revision** sessions can now be booked [via Arbor/Trips](#). Places are offered on a first come first served basis - so don't delay if you would like to attend. Details of what sessions are available can be accessed on the link below.

- [Easter revision timetable & original letter](#)



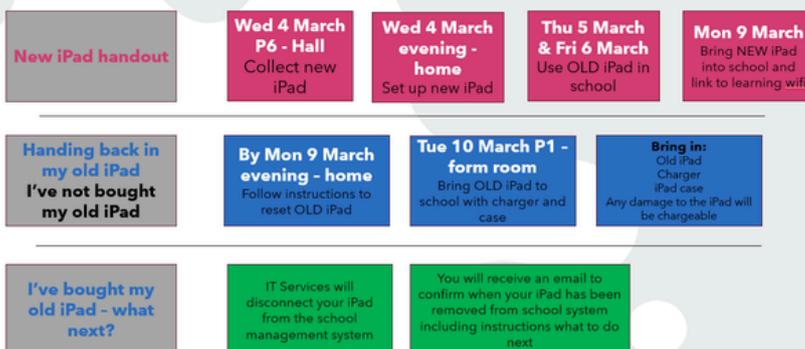
# Information for Year 10 - iPad upgrades

The new Year 10 iPads can be collected from the Hall on Wednesday 4 March during Period 6.

If you are eligible to collect a upgraded iPad you will receive an email on Monday 2 March, which will detail how and when to set up your new iPad. We recommend checking that your iPad has successfully completed a recent back up, this will ensure your files are transferred successfully.

**Please bring your old iPad into school on Thursday 5 and Friday 5 March.**

## Year 10 iPad upgrade Key Dates



## Introduction to Oxbridge Session

Following on from the assembly with Miss Russell, representatives from Brasenose College, Oxford and St Catharine's College, Cambridge will be delivering a talk about life at Oxbridge and what you can be doing now if you think you might be interested in going to Oxford or Cambridge University. There will also be past and current students available to answer your questions.

The talk will take place on **Monday 23 March from 1pm to 2pm**

If you wish to express your interest in attending the talk, please complete the form by **Monday 9 March**

[Year 10 Introduction to Oxbridge Talk - Monday 23 March 2026 – Fill in form](#)

## House Update

### Spring events taking place soon

We have some exciting House events planned for the Spring Term.



Event	When	Year Groups
<b>Chess competition in A48</b> <i>please come along if you would like to take part</i>	Thursday lunchtime 1pm from 26 February for 4 weeks	Years 7 to 11
<b>STEM competition</b>	early March	Years 7, 8 & 9
<b>House Football and Netball</b>	Thu 19 Mar: Y8 P1/2 Mon 23 March: Y9 P3/4 & Y10 P5/6 Fri 27 March: Y7 P1/2 & Y11 P5/6	Years 7 to 11



# Information for Sixth Form Students



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## 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	P1	Maths	S34
Tuesday	P1	Psychology	S34
Tuesday (Week A)	1 - 1.40pm	History - Tudors	S28
Tuesday (Week B)	1 - 1.40pm	History - French Revolution	S28
Wednesday	1 - 1.40pm	Psychology	S29
Wednesday	1 - 1.30pm	Business Studies	S26
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	3.30 - 4.30pm	Psychology	S29
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

# Information for Sixth Form Students

## Year 13 Revision Programme

Key practical steps that you can take to give yourself the best possible chance of success include:

- Achieving 100% attendance and punctuality until 8 May
- Attending publicised revision sessions in each subject
- Seek advice from your teachers
- Committing to a minimum of 5 hours of independent work and revision outside of the classroom, per subject, per week. Use the structured tasks and guidance on Showbie to focus your revision
- Make use of the Study Centre – open at 8am every day, and closes at 5pm every day
- Look after yourself. Make sure you get enough sleep; eat healthily; get fresh air and exercise; and balance relaxation with your focused academic work

## Yr 13 Psychology revision and intervention sessions

As students approach the final weeks of school, we are offering an opportunity for them to engage in targeted revision support sessions in Psychology. The sessions will focus on key aspects of content that students have suggested they feel less confident in and will incorporate both course content and exam skills. Please click [here](#) for the letter sent this week from Mr Twitchin.

## Business and Economics revision and intervention sessions

Please visit the link [here](#) for the full list of business and economics revision and intervention sessions.

## Year 13 Information Letter

Please follow the link [here](#) to access a letter detailing key information and support for Year 13 Students and Parent/Carers

## Easter Revision sessions

The Easter revision timetable for Year 13 is now available via [this link](#).

Spaces are offered on a first come first served basis, and can be booked via the Arbor Parent App within Trips. Both face to face and online sessions are available to book.

**\*\*New Psychology session added Tue 31 March AM in school\*\***

## Accepting University Offers

**Please be aware that the deadline to accept offers is 3 June.**

Ahead of this date we strongly recommend that you wait and consider your decision carefully, there is no rush.

You will be selecting 2 choices out of the offers you have received.

**Firm choice:** The university that you most want to attend

**Insurance choice:** A university that you would be happy to attend if you do not gain the grades for your 'firm choice'. Typically, your 'insurance choice' should have lower grade requirements than your firm.

When making your decision it is important to consider all the following:

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 to live for at least 3 years?
3. Are the grades achievable, for a firm choice and for an insurance choice?

Only after careful consideration of the above, should you commit to making your choices.

# Information for Sixth Form Students

## Year 13 University Finance and Advisory Evening 2026 – 4 March

A reminder that this Wednesday evening Jonathan Croall, Head of Student Finance at the University of Huddersfield will deliver a presentation starting at 6.30pm in the Sixth Form block. Useful information will also be provided about accepting University offers and support for revision. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

## Year 12 World of Work Week - 13-17 July 2026

A reminder that the deadline for all documentation to be completed is Monday 13 April 2026. Parents and students should be aware that information returned to school after this date cannot be guaranteed to be passed for checks and may not be approved.

Further information and instructions of how to add the placement to Unifrog can be found [here](#). If you need support with sourcing a placement then please speak to your form tutor, Miss Russell or one of our Careers Advisors.

### Progression and Careers

#### Introduction to Oxbridge Session

Representatives from Brasenose College, Oxford and St Catharine's College, Cambridge will be delivering a talk about admissions, applications and life at Oxbridge. There will also be past and current students available to answer your questions.

If you are considering applying to Oxbridge, or you just want to find out more, the talk takes place at 2:30pm at St Aidan's School on Monday 23 March 2026. You will be making your own way there and you will need to arrange transport home if you normally get a bus at HGS.

Please complete the form by Monday 9 March

[Year 12 Introduction to Oxbridge Talk - 23 March 2026 – Fill in form](#)

#### Virtual University Subject Discovery Fair – 18 March

Students in Years 10–12 are invited to join Unifrog's virtual university fair on 18 March, 4–6.30pm. The event includes mini-lectures on a wide range of subjects—such as AI, environmental science, business, criminology, psychology, medical sciences, and the creative arts—and the chance to meet representatives from 32 UK universities. Parents and carers are welcome to join too. Click [here](#) to register.



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](#)

**PTA Quiz - tickets now available**

## HGS PTA Quiz Night Friday 20 March

Join us for a fun evening of quizzing, food and fundraising in support of HGS PTA.

- 📅 Friday 20 March
- 📍 HGS Main Hall
- 🕒 Doors open 7:00pm | Quiz starts 7:30pm
- 💷 £15 per person (includes supper)
- 👥 Teams of up to 8

Tables are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

[Book your team here](#)



## The Book Haven

Click [on this link](#) to view the latest book recommendations from the Year 7 Book Haven



## Year 7 Rugby team into the Yorkshire Schools Cup Final

Congratulations to the Year 7 rugby team who won their game against Rodillian School to make it to the finals of the Yorkshire Schools Cup. Amazing result.

Good luck on Saturday 7 March for the finals.