



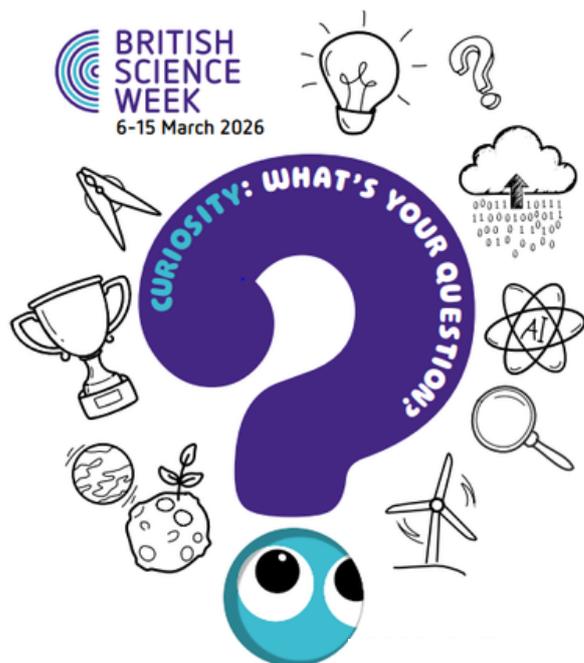
## Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
Sat 7 March	Year 11 Saturday Revision - session 1	Year 11 Book via Arbor/Clubs
w/c 9 March	Empathy Week	Years 7 to 11
Mon 9 March	Year 7 Big Picture morning - National Careers week	Year 7
	Year 11 Mocks - German/Spanish/French (class 111/Fr1) listening & reading	Year 11
	Year 10 - bring new iPad into school	Year 10
Tue 10 March	Year 10 - bring old iPad into school (if you have not purchased it)	Year 10
Wed 11 & Thu 12 March	Year 11 Geography Fieldwork	Year 11
Thu 12 March	Year 8 Outward Bound Trust parent information evening, 6pm, Hall	Year 8
	BTEC gig - buy tickets from here	All years
Fri 13 March	Car Free Friday	
	Pi Day	
Sat 14 March	Year 11 Saturday Revision - session 2 - book via Arbor/Clubs	Year 11

## Assemblies

Day	Time	Year	Location	Additional Information
Monday	8.50am	11	Hall	Register in Hall from 8.40am
Tuesday	8.50am 9am	7 12	Hall Forum	Year 7 - register in the Hall from 8.40am 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 - British Science Week - 6 to 15 March 2026



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British Science Week takes place between 6 to 15 March.

This year, the theme is '**Curiosity: What's your question?**'

Curiosity is at the heart of STEM, driving research and innovation, and anyone can get started this year by simply asking a question. This could relate to a traditional science topic, or it might be about music, sport or architecture – any interest in fact!

What things are planned at HGS to help us become curious and ask questions?

- Year 7 - Thursday 12 March - visit from the owl man
- Years 7 to 9 - House Science Quiz (all week)
- British Science Week poster competition
- Year 10 trip to endocrinology trip took place on Wednesday 4 March
- Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Trips to Leeds and Masham - Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 March

## Year 7 - Owl visit

On Thursday 12 March Year 7 will take part in the amazing visit of owls to HGS.

Arbor will be updated so students know when their session will take place.

Thank you for your support with this event and apologies for any disruption to lessons.

Students will then have a follow up lesson dissecting bird pellets (regurgitated waste) to look at the diets of these birds.



## Key Stage 3 House Science Quiz

Can you be crowned the winner of the HGS science competition and win the Golden Bunsen?

The first round of this will take place in your science lessons. Winners from each science class will then play against other science classes in their year to find the year group winners. Winners from each year will compete in the grand final to find the HGS science champions.

House points to be gained for all.



## Curious about our poster competition?

This year's poster competition is a special one.

British Science Week organisers are working with a team of scientists who are curious about what children and young people think will make a positive childhood in the future.

### How to get started?

- Start by considering the following:
  - What makes children's lives positive? What will a positive childhood look like in the future for young people your age? What things make your life positive?
  - In the future, imagine what children will be playing / doing / eating / learning / thinking?
  - What would you improve to make young people's lives more positive in the future? Can you think of any solutions for things you wish could be different?
  - Click on [this link](#) for more ideas
- Make your poster - complete some research, collect your thoughts and get creative. Posters to be A4 or A3.
- Submit to your Science Teacher by Thursday 26 March
- The top 5 HGS posters will be entered into the National Competition. We are excited to see your entries.



# Spotlight - Pi Day - Saturday 14 March

Pi Day is a perfect way to celebrate one of the most fascinating numbers in mathematics. Whether you love maths, enjoy a good slice of pie, or simply like an excuse for a fun challenge. Pi Day brings all of that together in one brilliant, circle-themed celebration.

## What is Pi Day?

Pi Day celebrates the number  $\pi$  which represents the ratio between a circle's circumference and its diameter. No matter the size of the circle, from a tiny button to a giant planet, the ratio is always the same: about 3.14. That's why it is celebrated on 14 March each year.

## Why does Pi matter?

Pi is not just a quirky number with endless digits. It plays a role in:

- **Engineering** - designing bridges, tunnels and curved structures
- **Physics** - understanding waves, light and sound
- **Space exploration** - calculating spacecraft paths and studying planets
- **Everyday Life** - from wheels to clocks to sports ball

Pi Day reminds us that Maths is about exploration, creativity and understanding the world. It reminds us that everyone, from scientists to students use Pi to make sense of circles, patterns and the universe itself.

## Fun ways to celebrate Pi Day 2026

As Pi Day falls on a Saturday this year, you can celebrate at home or with friends. Here are a few ideas:

- Eat circular foods - pizza, cookies, quiches, pies
- Hold a pi-digit challenge - who can memorise the most digits in Pi
- Try a circle scavenger hunt - find circular objects
- Create pi-themed art - colour-coded digit chains, posters or doodles
- Join educational events - museums and science centres may be hosting Pi Day activities



## 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 9 March:



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:

Years 7, 8 and 9 Sparx Science launch

Year 11 applicants letter



# Year 10 iPad Upgrade

Year 10 students have now collected their upgraded iPads and should have set these up at home on Wednesday or Thursday evening.

**On Monday** during form time, students will need to connect to the Learning network – instructions have been shared with all Year 10 Form Tutors.

## Handing in your old iPad

**On Monday evening:** Please complete the instructions to reset your iPad. These will be emailed to you on Monday afternoon.

**On Tuesday:** remember to bring your old iPad, iPad charger and the iPad case back into school on Tuesday. A member of staff will collect these during Big Picture on Tuesday.

Please note: iPads being handed back in will be checked for damage. If the iPad is damaged, the £75 repair fee can be paid via School Shop in Arbor. The option to purchase the iPad for £50 is still an option via School Shop in Arbor.

## Year 10 iPad upgrade Key Dates

<b>New iPad handout</b>	<b>Wed 4 March P6 - Hall</b> Collect new iPad	<b>Wed 4 March evening - home</b> Set up new iPad	<b>Thu 5 March &amp; Fri 6 March</b> Use OLD iPad in school	<b>Mon 9 March</b> Bring NEW iPad into school and link to learning wifi
<b>Handing back in my old iPad I've not bought my old iPad</b>	<b>By Mon 9 March evening - home</b> Follow instructions to reset OLD iPad	<b>Tue 10 March P1 - form room</b> Bring OLD iPad to school with charger and case	<b>Bring in: Old iPad, Charger, iPad case</b> Any damage to the iPad will be chargeable	
<b>I've bought my old iPad - what next?</b>	IT Services will disconnect your iPad from the school management system	You will receive an email to confirm when your iPad has been removed from school systems including instructions what to do next		

## iPad pens now on sale via Arbor and in the Hub

We are delighted to advise that you can now purchased via school.

**\*\*If your parents have purchased an iPad stylus, please do not forget to collect this from main reception during break, lunchtime or at the end of the school day.\*\***

There are two pen options:

- White stylus pen with replacement nibs - purchase for £6 via Arbor Shop - once purchased collect from Main Reception
- Basic stylus - purchase for 75p via The Hub (cashless catering account)



The iPad stylus pen provides:

- a more authentic writing experience
- increased precision in subjects requiring diagrams or graphs
- improved organisation of work through clear annotation and colour coding
- greater efficiency during lessons compared to writing with your finger

**£6 via Arbor Shop**  
Collect from main reception



These introductory pens can be purchased via The Hub on your cashless catering account for 75p per pen,

**£ 75p via cashless catering**  
Purchase and collect - The Hub

## House Events - Spring 2

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

Event	When	Year
<b>Chess competition in A48</b> please come along if you would like to take part	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





## Empathy Week 2026: My Culture, Your Culture, Our Culture - Power Up Week

**Double positives across all positives. All you need to do is to turn up, take part by being kind and focus on listening to staff and each other**

**Culture** is more than traditions, food, language, or clothing. It is the story of who we are and where we come from. It shapes our values, our beliefs, the way we see the world, and how we connect with others. During Empathy Week, the theme “My culture, your culture, our culture” reminds us that understanding culture is not just about learning facts – it is about learning empathy. Here at HGS this is a part of what makes excellence for all.

**So what is empathy?** Empathy is when you understand how a person feels, their emotions and how they see things. This then helps us to better understand why people react the way they do and why the things you thought were ok to say and do may actually be very hurtful to another person. This allows us to form better relationships with people and to support each other rather than leaving people feeling isolated and alone. This is what all of our REACH values ultimately stand for, we have agreed that we want a kind, caring and welcoming community where everyone feels welcome and safe.

This week we are therefore really focusing on building our **empathy skills**:

- Listen to each other.
- Understand why someone feels the way they do and think about how might be best to support them.
- This can be as little as you taking the time to smile, listen to them or telling an adult that they need some more support.
- Be respectful of each other, not saying or doing unkind or nasty things and if someone is struggling getting them some help.

## Year 7 Big Picture Careers Morning - Monday 9 March

On Monday 9 March, Year 7 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.



	LEFT POPULATION 7ADT, 7AAO, 7RMN, 7ORP, 7LJN	RIGHT POPULATION 7SYC, 7AND, 7AKB, 7RXB, 7MIW
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.



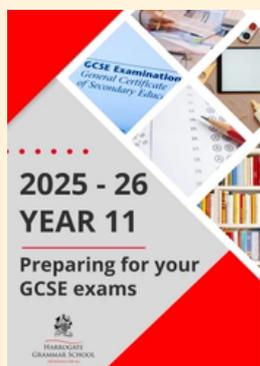
The next Car Free Friday takes place

**Friday 13 March**

Please remind your tutees and encourage them to walk, cycle or catch public transport to school.

# 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	<a href="#">Leavers' Ball</a> deadline to book your place



## 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](#).

## Sixth Form applications

Thank you for all the Sixth Form applications, for those who have applied for a place in Sixth Form a letter has been emailed on Friday 6 March detailing the next steps in relation to coursing discussions and how to accept an offer of a place. A copy of this letter can be found [here](#).

## 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**



**We are looking forward to welcoming Year 11 on Saturday morning for the first revision session. It's not too late to book - places can be booked [via Arbor/Clubs](#).**

**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 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

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

# Information for Sixth Form Students

## 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.

## 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.

## Year 13 Finance / Advisory Evening Presentation - March 2026

Please follow the link [here](#) to access the Year 13 Finance/Advisory presentations delivered on Wednesday 4 March by Jonathan Croall, Head of Student Finance at the University of Huddersfield and Ben Twitchin, Director of Sixth Form.

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

## Accepting University Offers

**Deadline for accepting offers:**  
**All offers received by 31st March = 6th May 2026**  
**All offers received by 13th May = 3rd June 2026**

Ahead of these dates 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.

## Sixth Form Vending Machine

Great news — the Sixth Form now has its very own snack vending machine! You will find sandwiches, crisps, drinks and chocolate, perfect for a quick grab-and-go boost during the day.

# Information for Sixth Form Students

## Year 12 - Higher Education and Apprenticeship Evening Tuesday 24 March 2026

There will be a presentation on Higher Education for Year 12 students and their parents/carers on Tuesday 24 March at 6pm in The Forum. It is expected that the presentation will last for approximately one hour.

Elle Zientek from Lancaster University, and Jack Hellewell from Sheffield Hallam University will deliver a talk on making university choices, the types of courses available and they will give a brief introduction to student finance. This has proved to be a very popular and informative event, and we ask, where possible, that one parent/carer attends with their son/daughter due to seating restrictions.

## 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](#)

# Life @ HGS

**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](#)



QUIZZY!

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QUIZ NIGHT

# PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 20 March 2026 7pm  
Venue: Main Hall @HGS

Book your tickets via the school website

[www.harrogategrammar.com](http://www.harrogategrammar.com)



## Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> VII - North of England 7s champions!

What an amazing result for the 1<sup>st</sup> VII rugby team. The team had some gruelling games and left their best performance until the last match winning their final game 33-12.

The team were victorious winning the North of England 7s bowl.



## RUGBY FIXTURES

### FRIDAY 6 MARCH

**YORKSHIRE CUP RUGBY FINAL U15 (YEAR 10)**  
KO 2PM AT WEST PARK LEEDS RUGBY CLUB

**YORKSHIRE CUP RUGBY FINAL U18 (SIXTH FORM)**  
KO 6PM AT WEST PARK LEEDS RUGBY CLUB

### SATURDAY 7 MARCH

**YORKSHIRE CUP RUGBY FINAL U12'S (YEAR 7)**  
KO 10AM AT WEST PARK LEEDS RUGBY CLUB

ALL SUPPORT WELCOME, £5 PER ADULT, £3 FOR CONCESSION.  
MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS SUPPORTING  
YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS RUGBY

FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE CLUB  
THE SYCAMORES, BRAMHOPE, LEEDS, LS16 9JR

## UKMT Maths Success

Congratulations to our students who participated in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. Nine students qualified for the Pink Kangaroo, and two students qualified for the Grey Kangaroo.

