



Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
Saturday 14 March	Year 11 Saturday Revision - session 2 - book via Arbor/Clubs	Year 11
w/c 16 March	Food bank donations - Ignis House	Ignis House
Monday 16 March	Year 11 History Trip to Thackray Museum	Year 11
Tuesday 17 March	Rotary Tournament	Years 9 to 12
	Year 8 parent consultation evening, 4pm to 7pm	Year 8
Wednesday 18 March	BTEC music trip to Hull University	Year 12
Wednesday 18 to Wednesday 25 March	German Exchange away leg	Years 10 to 13
Thursday 19 March	Maths Kangaroo Challenge	Years 9 & 10
	Year 9 Romeo and Juliet trip to The Globe Theatre	Year 9
Friday 20 March	PTA Quiz	
Saturday 21 March	Year 11 Saturday Revision - session 3 - 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 Year 12 - 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

What is neurodiversity?

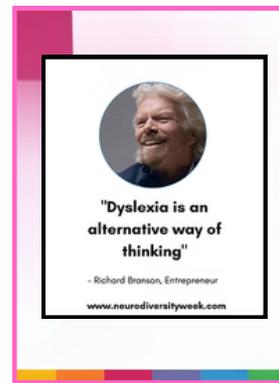
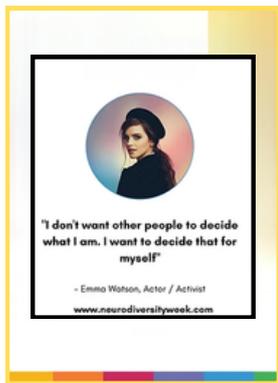
Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. No human brain is alike, in fact there is no 'standard' human brain. The wide range of natural neurological variations of the brain affect the way that people think, learn and process information. These differences can include ADHD, Autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia, dysgraphia and Tourette's syndrome.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is about celebrating the strengths and talents of people with neurodiversity. It is an opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of being kind, tolerant and accepting of everyone.

More about Neurodiversity Celebration Week

It was founded in the UK in 2018 by Fiona Castellton. As a young person who is Autistic and has ADHD, dyslexia, and dyspraxia, her experience at school had been that people only focused on the challenges of being diverse. She wanted to provide opportunities for people like her to change the narrative and create a balanced view which focuses on their talents and strengths.

Many people, including public figures, chose to share their neurodiversity publicly.



At HGS we want to celebrate our differences and are working together staff and students to ensure that everyone is treated with respect and kindness in school. We are doing this in lots of ways such as the introduction of our signed respect pledges as well as focus weeks such as kindness week, positive noticing day and REACH week.

WE RESPECT OTHERS BY:

- ✓ thanking staff and each other, being kind with our words and actions both in person and online.
- ✓ giving personal space, privacy and respecting the property of others.
- ✓ recognising the right of others to learn in a safe environment.
- ✓ welcoming the ideas, work and contribution of others to our school.
- ✓ celebrating diversity, individuality and beliefs even if they are different to our own.
- ✓ reaching out to support others when we see or hear unkindness. We are not bystanders.

Student Senate Highlights

Here is what your year group reps have been talking about in our latest Student Senate meeting:

- Year 8 suggested a positive points prize draw each half term so more students get a chance
- Year 9 asked for clearer rules about punctuality, especially when travelling across site
- Clubs where you can try a sport without pressure
- A possible 'Have a Go Week': try a new club earns a positive
- Plans for Year 11 leavers

Enrichment - what lunchtime or after school club are you attending?

What clubs on a lunchtime or after school have you been attending?

Have you tried something new or would like to try something new?

The enrichment brochure below details all our enrichment opportunities in school. Details of lunchtime and after school clubs can be found on the timetables below.



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Enrichment Brochure

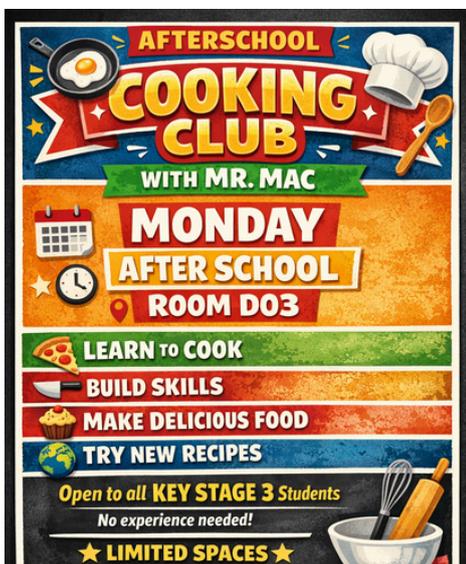
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LUNCHTIME

MONDAY BOYS' CHOIR - P11 (ALL) JUNIOR ORCHESTRA - P03 (Y7-11) MANDARIN CHINESE - A25 (Y8-10) SCHOOL MUSICAL - A03 (ALL INVITE POST AUDITIONS) SENIOR STEM CLUB - A15 (Y8-10)	TUESDAY DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB - A40 (ALL) JUNIOR CHOIR - P11 (Y7-11) MINECRAFT CLUB - A14 (Y8) SPARK HOMEWORK CLUB - A13 (Y7-11)
WEDNESDAY CREATIVE WRITING - A51 (KS3) / A49 (KS4) MANDARIN CHINESE (BEGINNERS) - A25 (Y8) MINECRAFT CLUB (WEEK 8 ONLY) - A14 (Y8) SAXOPHONY - P10 (ALL) SCIENCE CLUB - A15 (Y8) STRING ENSEMBLE - P03 (ALL) WARRHAMMER ALLIANCE - D16 (ALL)	THURSDAY CHESS CLUB - A48 (ALL) ICT CLUB - S04 (Y7-11) GCSE DRAMA CATCH UP - A03 (Y10-11) GCSE MUSIC CATCH UP - P13 (Y10-11) MINECRAFT CLUB - A14 (Y8) SONG WRITING CLUB - P11 (Y7-11) WARRHAMMER ALLIANCE - D16 (ALL)
FRIDAY BEFORE SCHOOL NETBALL SQUAD - SPORTS HALL (Y7-11 INVITE ONLY)	FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ART CLUB - D16 (Y7-11) MINECRAFT CLUB - A14 (Y8)

AFTER SCHOOL

MONDAY RUGBY - FIELDS (Y8) NETBALL - COURTS (Y8) SQUAD (Y10-Y11) FOOTBALL BOYS - FIELDS (Y8-10) COOKING CLUB - D03 - (Y7-11) BAR ROCK TRIAL TEAM - S23 (Y12-13) MANDARIN CHINESE - A25 (Y8-10) HOCKEY (BOYS) - Y8 & Y9 HOME LEARNING CLUB - LS (STUDENTS IN LS) AXION MATHS CIRCLES - A31 (Y8 INVITE ONLY) STAGE CHOIR - P11 (ALL - INVITE ONLY)	TUESDAY HOCKEYS GIRLS - ASTRO (Y8-10) RUGBY - FIELDS (Y11) TABLE TENNIS - GYM 1 (ALL)
WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL GIRLS - ASTRO (Y8) FOOTBALL BOYS - ASTRO/FIELDS (Y8) MANDARIN CHINESE (BEGINNERS) - A25 (Y8) MATHS GCSE DROP IN - A31 (Y11) NETBALL SQUAD - COURTS/SP HALL (Y8-9 INVITE ONLY) RUGBY - FIELDS (Y8-10)	RUNNING - FIELDS (ALL) TECH TEAM - P13 (ALL) SENIOR CHOIR
THURSDAY GYM/CROSS FIT - WEIGHTS ROOM/GYM 2 (Y10-11) FOOTBALL GIRLS - FIELDS (Y8-9) HOCKEY (BOYS & GIRLS) - ASTRO (Y8) JAZZ BAND - P03 (ALL) MATHS A LEVEL DROP IN - A14 (Y12-13) HOME LEARNING CLUB - LS (STUDENTS IN LS) AXION MATHS CIRCLES - A31 (Y7 INVITE ONLY)	NETBALL (REC) - COURTS (Y8-11) RUGBY BOYS - FIELDS (Y8) RUGBY GIRLS - FIELDS (ALL) WARRHAMMER ALLIANCE - D16 (ALL)
FRIDAY BASKETBALL - SPORTS HALL (Y10-13) DRAMA CLUB - A03 (Y7-8)	WEEKENDS EQUESTRIAN SOCIETY (EMAIL DR CURRAN OR SEE HER IN A15 FOR DETAILS)



New Cooking Clubs (Years 7 to 9)

Cooking Club for Years 7 to 9

We are thrilled to introduce the new 'Cooking Club with Mr. Mac', which will take place every other Monday. To ensure as many students as possible can partake, the club will have 2 groups, each attending alternate Mondays (group 1 - week A and group 2 - week B).

If you are interested in joining, please ask your parent or carer to sign up through the Arbor Parent App within the Clubs section. Limited spaces available.

Please remember that students will need to bring in their own ingredients.

Together, you will collaborate as a group to decide what you want to bake or cook.

Food bank donations - Ignis House - w/c 16 March



Are you in Ignis?

Next week, we will be collecting food donations from all students in Ignis. Please bring food donations to the Atrium.

Wondering if your form is in Ignis? A list of all forms can be found below.

7ADT	8LFH	9EPI	10EKT	11SJA
7AKB	8EXR	9CEL	10PLB	11CPM
7MIW			10AEB	11BXD

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 16 March:

Monday - Year 7 Netball
Tuesday - Table Tennis and Hockey
Thursday - Girls Rugby



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:



Countdown to Year 10 Work Experience

Please add your placement details to ConnectEd

Thank you to everyone who has already registered on the ConnectEd (NYBEP portal).

Congratulations to the 105 students who have already added details of their work placement to the ConnectEd portal.

By Friday 20 March, please update the details of your work experience placement to the ConnectEd portal. This includes: company name, address, contact name and number. This deadline is in place to allow NYBEP to complete all the necessary health and safety checks etc with the employer.

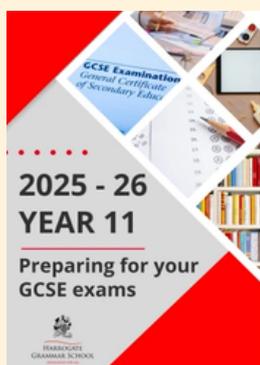
If you are struggling to find work experience, please inform your form tutor. We may have 8-10 local employees who would be happy to take a HGS student on work experience in July.

Students can drop into the Careers Hub on a Thursday lunchtime to discuss with the careers team finding a placement.



Information for Year 11

Date	Event
Ongoing	Drop-in revision sessions, masterclasses and interventions continue - click this link 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	Leavers' Ball 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](#).

Saturday Revision



Thank you to everyone who attended one of the revision sessions on Saturday. It was fantastic to see over 40 students attend. We have 2 further sessions taking place before the Easter break, this equates to 6 hours of independent study that you can complete in a quiet space.

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: 14 & 21 APRIL: 18 & 25 MAY: 2 & 9

Easter Revision sessions are still available to book via **via Arbor/Trips**. Places are offered on a first come first served basis - so please do not delay if you would like to attend as some sessions have already reached maximum numbers. Details of what sessions are available can be accessed on this link: [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	S08
Tuesday	P1	Psychology	S34
Tuesday	P1	Economics	S36
Tuesday	P1	Geography	S37
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 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.

****New Psychology session added Tuesday 31 March AM in school****

Year 13 Leavers Activities

Please find link [here](#) to Yr 13 leavers activities information. Dates and payment deadlines have been set out below.

Activity	Deadline for payment	Amount due
Yearbook	20 March	£33
Leavers Ball	4 May	£56

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.

Information for Sixth Form Students

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.

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

Virtual University Subject Discovery Fair – 18 March

Students in Years 10 to 12 are invited to join Unifrog's virtual university fair on 18 March, 4pm to 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](#)



Crufts medals for Year 7 student Robyn

Congratulations to Year 7 student Robyn had a fantastic Crufts! She came 2nd with both her dogs in the semi final round to qualify for the Agility Dog of the Year final in the main ring. She finished 3rd across all heights and 1st in her height and age group. She also had a radio interview, appeared on ITVs This Morning and was even interviewed for Channel 4 which was shown on Sunday. A fantastic achievement all round!



Congratulations to the U12s Boys Football team

Congratulations to the U12s Boys Football team who are through to the County Cup finals after playing a great game of football against St John Fishers.



SATURDAY 14 MARCH

NATIONAL SCHOOLS NETBALL FINALS U19
ENGLISH INSTITUTE OF SPORT, SHEFFIELD

HOT AND COLD FOOD CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE ONSITE CAFE.
PARKING AVAILABLE AT THE VENUE BUT IS CASH ONLY.
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