



Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
Friday 27 March to Monday 30 March	A Level History trip to Paris	Year 12 & 13
Friday 27 March	House Football/Netball - Year 7 (P1/2)	Year 7
	End of Spring Term - 3.30pm Non uniform day (suggested donation £2 via Arbor Shop)	All years
Saturday 28 March to Saturday 4 April	Ski Trip	Year 9 & 10
During Easter Break	Easter revision sessions - book via Arbor/Trips. Deadline Thursday 26 March noon	Years 11 & 13
Monday 13 April	Summer Term commences	All years
Wednesday 15 April	Charity Obstacle Fun Run - after school. Sign up via Arbor/Trips	Years 7 to 11
Thursday 16 April	Year 8 House Football and Netball	Year 8
Saturday 18 April	Saturday Revision - sign up 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 8 - register in the Hall from 8.40am Year 12 - Register with Form at 8.50am
Wednesday	8.50am	8	Hall	Register in Hall from 8.40am
Thursday	8.50am	10	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Friday	8.50am Period 4	9 7	Hall Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am Register in the Hall P4

Spotlight: Religious Festivals over the Easter Break



Jewish Passover – Thursday 2 April to Thursday 9 April

Passover is a celebration of the story of Exodus. During Passover, Jews remember how their ancestors left slavery behind them when they were led out of Egypt by Moses. Passover is celebrated with a series of rituals. Each ritual symbolises a different part of the story. Passover (or Pesach in Hebrew) is one of the most important festivals in the Jewish year. On the evening before Passover starts, Jews have a special service called a Seder (Order). This takes place over a meal with family and friends at home.

Easter – Sunday 5 April

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar. It celebrates Jesus rising from the dead, three days after he was executed. For Christians, Easter eggs are used as a symbol for the resurrection of Jesus. Christians believe that, through his resurrection, Jesus overcame death and sin. This offers people the promise of eternal life if they follow his teachings.



Sikh and Hindu festival of Vaisakhi – Tuesday 14 April

Celebrates the spring harvest for Hindus and marks the Sikh New Year. Vaisakhi, also called Baisakhi, is the festival which celebrates the founding of the Sikh community, the Khalsa, in 1699. On Vaisakhi, Sikhs go to the Gurdwara in the morning for a service. Afterwards, they have a procession through the streets with lots of singing, chanting and colourful clothes. The procession is called the Nagar Kirtan. In the evening, Sikhs have a special meal with family and friends.

Sustainability over Easter

Make this a sustainable Easter with these top tips:

- Use natural light to light your house and save electricity
- Buy Easter meals locally. e.g. using local shops to support local businesses and reduce your carbon footprint
- Recycle Easter egg packaging - cardboard boxes, foil and plastic containers can all be recycled in your normal recycling bin
- As the weather gets warmer, walk and/or cycle where possible. This is both good for the planet, and your physical and mental health.

Eco Friendly Easter Tips





Get Creative

Spend some time doing something creative. It could be designing Easter cards, baking Easter crispy cakes, creating Easter decorations or decorating some Easter eggs



Appreciate Nature

Spend some time outside appreciating our natural surroundings. Find an Easter egg hunt or create one of your own in a local park or plant some spring flowers in your garden.



Take a Spring Walk

Go for a spring walk, try and notice three things you have not noticed before. Take a break from screens and appreciate the great outdoors



Focus on you

Have a day to just focus on yourself. This could be enjoying all the Easter activities you love or just having a day to stop and rest.



Read something new

Read a new book or some Easter poetry. Wondering what book to read? [Click here](#) for our latest recommended reads.



Charity Obstacle Fun Run

Wednesday 15 April - 3pm

Create a team (ideally 3 to 5 per team)

Book your place via Arbor/Trips

£5 per person to enter

First come first served

Fancy dress encouraged

All monies raised for the school charity 'Just B'

Last few places available
Book via Arbor/Trips
Entry fee: £5 per student

Year 10 Work Experience

We are pleased to advise that we have secured an extended deadline for work experience placements to be added to the NYBEP platform.

Final deadline date - Monday 13 April

Enrichment - Summer Term after school sports clubs timetable now live

We are delighted to advise that after school sports clubs for the Summer Term are now available to book via Arbor Parent App/Clubs.

Details of the clubs available can be found opposite or via this link.

What clubs will you attend during the Summer Term?



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

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Monday	3.40pm to 4.45pm	8, 9 & 10	Netball Squad (invite only)	Sports Hall/netball courts
		8, 9 & 10	Cricket	Boys: Harrogate Cricket Club Girls: Astro
		7	Rounders	Fields
Tuesday	3.40pm to 4.45pm	8 & 9	Rounders	Fields
Wednesday	2.45pm to 4pm	7	Cricket	Boys: Harrogate Cricket Club Girls: Astro
		8, 9 & 10	Volleyball	Courts
		All years	Tennis	Tennis courts
		All years	Running Club	Fields
Thursday	3.40pm to 5pm	All years	Athletics	Fields/Astro/Cym 1
		All years	Tennis Squad (invite only)	Tennis courts
Friday	3.40pm to 5pm	11, 12 & 15	Basketball	Sports Hall

LUNCHTIME

MONDAY

- BOYS' CHOIR - P11 (ALL)
- JUNIOR ORCHESTRA - P03 (Y1-1)
- MANDARIN CHINESE - A25 (Y1-10)
- SENIOR STEM CLUB - A15 (Y10-12)
- TALK CLUB (DROP IN) - NEXT TO L5 (Y1-9)

TUESDAY

- DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB - A40 (ALL)
- JUNIOR CHOIR - P11 (Y1-1)
- MINICRAFT CLUB - A14 (Y1-10)
- SPARX HOMEWORK CLUB - A13 (Y1-10)

WEDNESDAY

- BLOODY A LEVEL DROP IN - S22 (Y13)
- CREATIVE WRITING - A51 (S22) A49 (S24)
- MANDARIN CHINESE (BEGINNERS) - A25 (Y1)
- MINICRAFT CLUB (MEEK B ONLY) - A14 (Y1)
- SAKOPHONY - P10 (ALL GRADE 2 UPWARD)
- SCIENCE CLUB - A10 (Y1)
- STRING ENSEMBLE - P03 (ALL)

THURSDAY

- CHESS CLUB - A48 (ALL)
- ICE CREAM - P01 (Y1-10)
- GCSE DRAMA CATCH UP - A03 (Y10-11)
- GCSE MUSIC CATCH UP - P13 (Y10-11)
- MINICRAFT CLUB - A14 (Y1)
- SONG WRITING CLUB - P11 (Y1-10)
- WARHAMMER ALLIANCE - D16 (ALL)

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME

- MINICRAFT CLUB - A14 (Y1)

SIGN UP VIA ARBOR PARENT APP FOR LUNCHTIME & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

AFTER SCHOOL

MONDAY

- COOKING CLUB - D03 (Y1-10)
- CRICKET (BOYS) - HARROGATE CC - (Y1-10)
- CRICKET (GIRLS) - ASTRO - (Y1-10)
- ASTON MATHS CIRCLES - A31 (Y1 INVITE ONLY)
- MANDARIN CHINESE - A25 (Y1-10)
- NETBALL SQUAD - SP HALL (Y1-10 INVITE ONLY)
- HOME LEARNING CLUB - L5 (STUDENTS IN L5)
- ROUNDERS - FIELDS (Y1)
- STAGE CHOIR - P11 (ALL - INVITE ONLY)

TUESDAY

- ROUNDERS - FIELDS (Y1-10)

WEDNESDAY

- CRICKET (BOYS) - HARROGATE CC (Y1)
- CRICKET (GIRLS) - ASTRO (Y1)
- MANDARIN CHINESE (BEGINNERS) - A25 (Y1)
- MATHS GCSE DROP IN - A31 (Y1)
- RUNNING - FIELDS (ALL)
- TECH TEAM - P13 (ALL)
- TENNIS - TENNIS COURT (ALL)
- VOLLEYBALL - COURTS (Y1-10)

THURSDAY

- ATHLETICS - FIELDS (ALL)
- JAZZ BAND - P03 (ALL)
- MATHS A LEVEL DROP IN - A14 (Y12-13)
- WARHAMMER ALLIANCE - D16 (ALL)
- HOME LEARNING CLUB - L5 (STUDENTS IN L5)
- TEAM TENNIS - TENNIS CTS (ALL INVITE ONLY)
- ASTON MATHS CIRCLES - A31 (Y1 INVITE ONLY)

FRIDAY

- BASKETBALL - SPORTS HALL (Y10-13)
- SCHOOL OF ROCK - P10 (ALL)

WEEKENDS

- EQUESTRIAN SOCIETY (EMAIL DR CURRAN OR SEE HER IN A15 FOR DETAILS)

Sparx Science Drop Ins - Years 7, 8 and 9 - Wednesday Lunchtime - A33

Not sure how to complete your Sparx Science homework or need a little help with a one or two questions. Please drop into the Sparx Science drop in session which takes place every Wednesday lunchtime in A33.



Easter Reads

Find time this Easter break to dive into our recommended reading list.

Click here to access



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

Only 1 x U18 fixture w/c 13 April

PRE-ORDERS NOW AVAILABLE

DELICIOUS SANDWICHES & SANDWICH MEAL DEAL

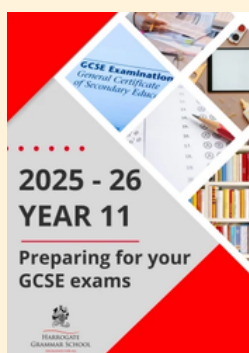
[ORDER VIA THIS LINK](#)

ORDER BY 5AM FOR SAME DAY COLLECTION
COLLECT FROM THE HUB AT LUNCHTIME
SHOW YOUR CONFIRMATION EMAIL TO COLLECT YOUR PRE-ORDER

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
Easter break	Easter Revision sessions (book via Arbor/Trips)
Friday 8 May	<u>Leavers' Ball</u> deadline to book your place

Year 11 Preparing for your GCSE Exams Booklet



Please click [on this link](#) to access the GCSE Exams booklet to access revision tips, blank revision templates, a bank of must do, should do and could do weekly activities for each subject. Download subject content by clicking on the red bar at the bottom of [this page](#).



Saturday Revision

Saturday revision sessions will stop over the Easter break. They will commence again from Saturday 18 April. If you would like to book a place, please ask your parent/carer to book via [Arbor/Clubs](#).

These sessions will take place on: **APRIL: 18 & 25** **MAY: 2 & 9**

****NEW Saturday Biology Revision Sessions now available to book****

10am to 11am - Combined students

11am to noon - Triple science students

18 April - Why do we eat? (Human Digestive System, Enzymes, Metabolism)

25 April - The Meningitis Outbreak: What's happened? (Communicable diseases, Human Defence Systems, Vaccination)

2 May - For One Day Only: 'The Singing Chloroplast' (Plant tissues, Organs & Systems, Photosynthesis)

9 May - The Beginning (New Life) (Cell specialisation & Differentiation, Cell Division, Sexual Reproduction)



Easter Revision sessions - thank you to everyone who has booked a place. Please check your Arbor calendar for dates/timings.

In school sessions: please enter via Sixth Form entrance. AM sessions will start promptly at 10am, PM sessions will start promptly at 1pm. Check Arbor for classroom details. **What to bring:** your charged iPad, pens/pencils, notepad, refillable water bottle, a snack.

Online sessions: the teacher taking this session will send you an email with a link to a TEAMS meeting ahead of the session.

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.

KS5 – Summer 2025 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](#).

Study and Revision tips

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

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

Year 12 Career Pathway Talks 21 April

Our final Career Pathway Talks will take place on Tuesday 21 April. This is an opportunity for year 12 students to hear from 2 speakers in industries in which they may be interested in pursuing. We have secured 19 speakers from a range of different sectors to share their journey with you.

Please read their bios here.

[Make your selections here](#)

Deadline to complete the form is
Tuesday 14 April

Year 12 Prospective Medics and Dentists

Ms Parker is running a session for Year 12 prospective medics and dentists on Tuesday 14th April period 1 in A16, on the UCAT.

Holly from Year 13 will also be attending to speak about her own preparation and experience of the UCAT.

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

Year 12 students aiming to make competitive university applications

On Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 April, Brasenose (Oxford) will be running online evening supercurricular webinars, alongside our colleagues at St Catharine's (Cambridge), with current student ambassadors. It can be difficult to know where to start when thinking about making a competitive application to university, these sessions aim to introduce a range of educational activities beyond the curriculum that could act as inspiration for your own subject exploration. We'll talk about how you can integrate these into your weekly routines without it becoming overwhelming, and how you could critically engage with the activities you take part in. Our current students will share what they found particularly useful in their Year 12, and there'll be time for a Q&A at the end.

If you're unsure which session could be most relevant, please email outreach@bnc.ox.ac.uk.

STEM supercurricular webinar > Wednesday 1 April, 6pm > [Click here for registration](#)

Humanities & Social Sciences supercurricular webinar > Thursday 2 April, 6pm > [Click here for registration](#)

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



Rotary Technology Tournament - Gold Award

Congratulations to our Sixth form team who won the Gold Award at the annual Rotary Technology tournament!

This award is a testament to their skills in creativity, engineering, physics and practical skills, which they applied to design and prototype a bridge.

British Science Week Quiz Winner

As part of British Science Week, all Years 7 to 9 took part in class quizzes.

Well done to Adam in Year 7 who was the overall winner.



STEM Article Gold Award

Congratulations to Yr 11 student Erin who achieved the gold award for her submission into the Penrose Magazine STEM Article competition on "Intersection of AI with Microbiology".

Judged by university professors, Erin scored within the top 25% of entries which was open globally to students ages between 14-19.

A fantastic achievement!

PE Spring Term newsletter

HGS Sport Spring Update

Senior Sports Academy Netball Team

Sports Academy Rugby Team

U15 Boys' rugby Team

U12 Boys' Football Team

U14 Girls' Football Team

It has been another action-packed term of sport at HGS, with nearly 140 fixtures taking place this term, taking the total for this year to 342 fixtures. There have been many fantastic performances and achievements. We are very proud of what students have achieved.

Highlights include:

- Sports Academy netball team who qualified for the national finals. The level of competition was outstanding, and our girls showcased their skills and dedication, competing fiercely in every match. They have certainly set a high standard for future teams to aspire to.
- Sports Academy rugby team who triumphed over the competition to win the Bowl at the North of England Schools 7s tournament, held at Birkenhead Park Rugby Club. The event featured over 50 schools from across the north of England and Scotland.
- In an impressive display, the U15 boys' rugby team claimed victory in the Yorkshire Plate Final, delivering their best performance of the season and winning comfortably. They also reached the quarter-finals of the National Schools Bowl, marking a fantastic conclusion to an exceptional year.
- Football success! Congratulations to the U12 boys' and U14 girls' teams for reaching the Yorkshire Schools Final. Both finals will take place in May.

Voluntary Contribution - Your Support Matters

Thank you to the parents who have contributed the £30 donation this year. This support is vital for offering diverse sports opportunities to all students.

These contributions help us pay for transportation, referees, tournament fees, new equipment and kits plus specialist coaching.

If you would like to contribute, please do so via Arbor Pay.

Your generosity is crucial in providing exceptional sports opportunities for HGS students.

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PTA USED UNIFORM SALE

Date: Saturday 25 April 2026
Time: 10 am - 12 noon
Location: Main school Hub

www.harrogategrammar.co.uk

We are now taking donations of good quality, clean used uniform for the forthcoming PTA sale. Please drop off at main reception,

We are looking for: blazers, ties, branded trousers/skirts, PE kit.

Thank you for your support.