



Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
Saturday 2 May	Saturday Revision (session 6) - sign up via Arbor/Clubs	Year 11
w/c 4 May	Work Ethic Week 	Years 7 to 11
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday Monday - school closed	All years
w/c 4 May	GCSE, BTEC and A Level exams commence Check your Arbor timetable for exam dates and times and PRET sessions	Years 11 to 13
w/c 4 May	School Council meetings Tuesday - Year 10, Wednesday - Year 9, Thursday - Year 8 and 12, Friday - Year 7	
Tuesday 5 May to Thursday 7 May	A Level Art exam	Year 13
Thursday 7 May	Year 13 Food Unit 2 assessment	Year 13
Friday 8 May	Car Free Friday Year 13 Leavers Assembly 	All years
Friday 8 May to Sunday 10 May	Year 7 Condover Hall Boys Football	Year 7

Assemblies

Day	Time	Year	Location	Additional Information
Monday	No assembly - school closed for Bank Holiday			
Tuesday	8.50am 8.50am 9am 9.05am	7 13 12 11	Hall Forum Forum Hall	Year 7 - register in the Hall from 8.40am Year 13 - register in the Forum at 8.50am Year 12 - register with Form at 8.50am then Forum Year 11 - register in your Form from 8.40am
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 - End of Year CATs

Year Group	When will my end of year CATs take place?	Timetable
Year 7, 8 and 9	Between Monday 1 June and 12 June	Your teacher will let you know what day your CAT will take place. Ahead of the CAT, your teacher will set revision task(s) as home learning in the two weeks before half term. Copies of parent letters: Year 7 Year 8 Year 9
Year 10	Between Thursday 4 June and Tuesday 23 June	Click here for the timetable. Your end of year assessment will take place in the Sports Hall and classrooms. See revision tips below to help you revise.
Year 12	Between Friday 5 June and Tuesday 23 June Study Leave - Monday 8 June to Friday 19 June	Click here for the timetable. Your end of year assessments will take place in the Gym and classrooms. See revision tips below to help you revise.

Revision Tips - Year 10 and 12

Step 1: Memory Retrieval

Use a blank sheet of paper to add everything you can think of that is relevant to a topic area.

Organise the information in any way which is best for you e.g. mind map, spider diagram, lists

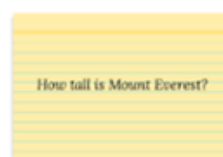
Look up the topic in your exercise book and showbie - add in additional information (ideally in a different colour)

Step 2: Q&As

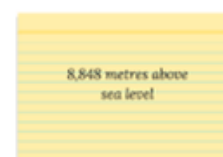
Use your memory retrieval information sheet to make some generic Q&A flashcards or create a quizlet.

Step 3: Test Yourself

Test yourself or ask a family member to test you. You can try Seneca, BBC bitesize quizzes, Quizlet, Educake, Sparx Maths/Science, other quizzes may also be available in Showbie.



FRONT



BACK



Educake



Quizlet



BBC Bitesize



Sparx Learning

Exam Arrangements

Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 will commence their GCSE, BTEC and A Level exams from next week. Please read the following important information to help support these students during their external exams.

Out of Bounds Areas

Due to the external exams that are now taking place in the Sports Hall and Gym 1. The following areas will now be out of bounds:

- The area in and around Gym 1 and the PE entrance
- The area at the back of the Sports Hall near the Otley Road exit. This includes the grassed areas before the astro.

Expectations

- Considerate of those students taking their exams by keeping noise to a minimum.
- Check for room changes daily
- Follow staff instructions when directed on alternative routes
- Remember that exams can be taking place in other areas of school e.g. classrooms in Sixth Form facing the rugby pitch. Please be silent when passing these areas during your PE lessons.
- Classrooms that are being used for exams will have a notice on the door and/or in the corridor - please remain silent when passing these classrooms or use alternative routes where directed



Changes to registering for PE lessons during the exams period

- Registration for core PE lessons will take place on the basketball courts
- Please line up quickly, in alphabetical order, in your PE lesson
- Changing rooms:
 - Boys - usual changing rooms
 - Girls - Gym2 changing rooms
- Please move quietly between the basketball courts to the changing rooms and then to your designated PE area

Lunchtime arrangements

Please note the new break and lunchtime arrangements from Thursday:

- Year 11 can access the Hub from noon to 12.25pm (if they have an afternoon exam).
- Year 11 If no exam, they can go straight into lunch at 12.55pm
- Year 10 can go straight into the Hub at 12.55pm
- Year 9 can queue by A14 from 12.55pm
- Year 8 will continue to be called for lunch
- Year 7 will continue to be called for lunch

Our Respect Pledge

HARRIGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

RESPECT PLEDGE

Everyone at HGS has the right to come to a safe, welcoming and friendly school. We therefore pledge to respect ourselves, others and our environment.

WE RESPECT OURSELVES BY:

- ✓ always being the very best version of ourselves.
- ✓ taking ownership of our words and actions both in person and online.
- ✓ taking part in the extra-curricular opportunities on offer.
- ✓ actively taking part in all learning opportunities.
- ✓ wearing our uniform correctly and with pride.
- ✓ attending school every day.

WE RESPECT OTHERS BY:

- ✓ thinking 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.
- ✓ valuing 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.

WE RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT BY:

- ✓ looking after our school.
- ✓ always tidying up after ourselves.
- ✓ respecting our wider Harrogate community in the same ways as HGS.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Work Ethic Week - w/c 4 May

Our recent assemblies focused on Work Ethic and we heard many examples from the Student Leadership Team of how they have improved their own work ethic.

Next week, you will have the opportunity to gain double points from the following classchart behaviours when displaying excellent work ethic in lessons and around school.

The top 3 students per year group will receive a free queue jump pass for the remainder of the half term.



High Productivity



Resilience



Active Participation



The next Car Free Friday takes place

Friday 8 May

Make the most of the summer weather and use a climate friendly way to get to school like walking or cycling to school.

The physical and mental health benefits of exercise are well known, with studies showing that walking to school improves concentration and helps students arrive ready to learn.



Recommended Reads

Dive into our space themed recommended reads using the link below.

- [Recommended Reads Summer 1 Term](#)

PE FIXTURES

Click on the image above to access our sports fixture list

DELICIOUS SANDWICHES & SANDWICH MEAL DEAL

PRE-ORDERS NOW AVAILABLE

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

Termly Curriculum Overviews What am I studying this term?

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](#)

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
Friday 8 May	Leavers' Ball deadline to book your place



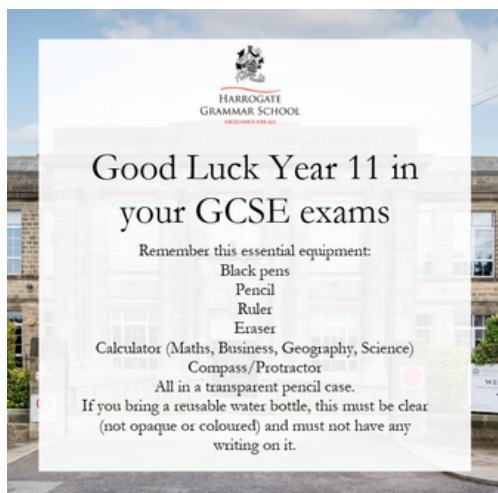
Saturday Revision

It was wonderful to see so many Year 11 students in school on Saturday, using the revision sessions and study space ahead of your summer exams.

We have two sessions remaining on:

- Saturday 2 May 10am to 1pm
- Saturday 9 May 10am to 1pm

Reserve your place via Arbor/Clubs.



How will lessons work from Thursday 8 May?

A reminder that all Year 11 students are expected to attend timetabled lessons until your leavers assembly on Friday 22 May.

If you are sitting one of your GCSE exams, you are expected to attend timetabled lessons before and after your exam.

Some of your timetabled lessons may be re-timetabled so you have a dedicated revision session with subject teachers ahead of that exam. Further details will be shared with you during an assembly on Tuesday morning.

Pre-Exam Technique (PRET) sessions

Ahead of each exam, a PRET session will take place in school, these are compulsory sessions.

- Morning exam - PRET session will take place at 8.25am - you can access the Hub from 8am for complementary refreshments e.g. flapjacks, fruit
- Afternoon exam - PRET session will take place at 12.25pm - you can access the Hub noon to purchase food.

Further details including where these PRET sessions will take place will be added to your Arbor calendar.

Date	Session	Exam	PRET
Thursday	AM PM	BTEC Tech Awards, Sport GCSE German, Listening&Reading	8.25am, Forum 12.25pm, Hall
Friday	AM PM	GCSE Sociology, paper 1 GCSE Drama	8.25am, Forum 12.25pm, Forum

Year 7 Cricket

Well done to the Year 7 cricket team who have progressed to the next round of the Yorkshire Cup.

Thank you to Rossett for a great game of cricket, plus a special thank you to Beckwithshaw Cricket Club for hosting the game.



DofE Gold practice expedition

DofE Gold students enjoyed the glorious sunshine last weekend as they completed their Gold practice expedition in Goathland and Robin Hood's Bay.



London Marathon success for Jack, Year 13

Jack in Year 13 was one of the youngest participant's in this year's event. Jack ran the London marathon in support of Cure Leukaemia. Please [click here](#) to read more about his story.



Congratulations and Good Luck to Gabe, Year 13

Exciting news for Gabe, Year 13 who has been selected as part of the 36-strong team representing Great Britain at the European Aquatics Championships in Paris this summer. An incredible achievement.



Well done Daisy, Year 11

Well done to Daisy, Year 11 who competed at the ICU World Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Florida. Daisy's team were placed third in the Nations Cup, the top UK team and securing seventh place in the world. An outstanding result for the team and a reflection of Daisy's commitment and dedication.

2026 European Aquatics Championships TEAM

Freya ANDERSON	Jacob MILLS
Greg BUTLER	Oliver MORGAN
Freya COLBERT	Filip NOWACKI
Alex COHOON*	Eva OKARO
Lauren COX	Jacob PETERS
Rio DAODU	Adam RAMSAY-PEATY
Evelyn DAVIS	Emily RICHARDS
Tom DEAN*	Matt RICHARDS
Angharad EVANS	Leah SCHLOSSHAN
Joshua GAMMON	Duncan SCOTT
Luke GREENBANK	Gabriel SHEPHERD
James GUY	Katie SHANAHAN*
Evan JONES	Jack SKERRY
Max LITCHFIELD	Amalie SMITH
Keanna MACINNES	Theodora TAYLOR
Jack MCMILLAN	Matthew WARD
Tyler MELBOURNE-SMITH	Abbie WOOD
Edward MILDRED	Jacob WHITTLE

*Athletes selected subject to completing Fitness tests



Information for Sixth Form Students



The Sixth Form
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Year 13 - Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday 4 May	May Bank Holiday - School closed
Tuesday 5 May	Year 13 Progression
Friday 8 May	Leavers Assembly
Saturday 27 June	Leavers Ball - Payments due by Monday 4 May
Thursday 14 August	Results Day 9am in the Forum

Year 13 Progression - Tuesday 5 May

There is an assembly for all Year 13 students on Tuesday 5 May at 8.50am. It is essential that all students attend to hear important information about:

- Leavers assembly
- Exam notices
- Results day

Please [click on this link](#) to access a letter from Mr Twitchin, detailing key information about leavers arrangements and examination information.

Year 13 - Study space available in school

During the exam study leave period, the LRC will be open to Year 13 students from 8am to 5pm, should you prefer to revise in school.

Students should sign in and out through the InVentry system at Sixth Form reception.

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 - Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday 4 May	May Bank Holiday - School closed
Tuesday 12 May	UCAS registration in Progression
Friday 22 May	Break for half term
Friday 5 June	End of year exams begin
Monday 8 June	Home study period begins
Monday 22 June	Students return to lessons in school (except where an exam is taking place)
Tuesday 23 June	End of year exams finish
Wednesday 1 July	Progression Day 1 in School
Thursday 2 July	Progression Day 2 at home to draft personal statement or complete structured apprenticeship / employment tasks
Friday 3 July	Training Day - no school

Information for Sixth Form Students

Year 12 End of Year Assessments

Friday 5 June to Tuesday 23 June

Please find the timetable for the forthcoming Year 12 End of Year Assessment period [here](#). Individual timetables including rooming and start times have been added to Arbor and will be emailed to students in due course.

Year 12 Summer Term Letter

Please follow the link [here](#) to access a letter from Mr Twitchin detailing important information about the end of year assessment period and work experience week.

Year 12 prospective Medics and Dentists

We will have a UCAT training meeting on Tuesday 12 May lunchtime in S03. Please arrive by 1.05pm. This is an opportunity to try some situational judgement questions,

Progression and Careers

Year 12 World of Work Week - Commencing 13 July 2026

We have selected a range of virtual work experience options for you to choose from if you have not secured an in-person placement. These have been chosen across a breadth of industries to cover each of our 6 career pathways and then a further general, employability skills option.

What you need to do:

1. Three of the best websites for finding virtual work experience opportunities are [Unifrog](#), [Springpod](#) and [Forage](#). Follow the links to find out more.
2. Register on the website (follow the link) for the virtual experience you are most interested in. [Employability skills options do not require you to register – skip to the next step]
3. Add the placement to Unifrog using the instructions below:
 - a. Click on 'add placement' and select 'virtual placement'
 - b. Select Mr Twitchin as the 'placement coordinator'
 - c. Add the name of the company you are doing the virtual work experience with and give details about what the programme involves. For example, if it is a finance programme with Barclays on Springpod then you would enter 'Barclays' in the name of business/placement.
 - d. Add 'Miss Russell' to the 'employer placement lead name' along with the email address russellh@hgs.rklt.co.uk

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](#)