



Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
From Mon 8 June to Tue 23 June	End of Year CATs - Year 10	Year 10
From Fri 5 June to Tue 23 June	End of Year CATs - Year 12	Year 12
Mon 15 June	Humanities Trip - 7AAO, 7ADT, 7LJN, 7ORP, 7RMN	Year 7
Tue 16 June	Humanities trip - 7AKB, 7AND, 7MIW, 7RXB, 7SYC	Year 7
Wed 17 June	Sports Academy Induction Day	Year 11
Thu 18 June	Sixth Form Induction Day	Year 11
Friday 19 June	Car Free Friday Year 11 Prom	All year groups Year 11

Assemblies

Day	Time	Year	Location	Additional Information
Monday				No Assembly
Tuesday	8.50am 8.50am	10 12	Hall Forum	Year 10 - register in the Hall from 8.40am Year 12 - register with Form at 8.50am then Forum
Wednesday	8.50am	7	Hall	Register in Hall from 8.40am
Thursday	8.50am	9	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Friday	8.50am Period 4	8 7	Hall Hall	Year 8 - register in the Hall from 8.40am Year 7 - Register in the Hall P4

Please note that for this week only the Year 7 assembly is on Wednesday, Year 8 on Friday and Year 10 on Tuesday.



PE FIXTURES

Click on the image above to access our sports fixture list

Cancelled clubs

Monday - Year 7 Rounders, Y8-10 Cricket
Tuesday - Y8 & Y9 Rounders
Wednesday - Year 7 Cricket (boys)

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](#)

Spotlight - Pride Month

June is PRIDE month, the time of year when many countries around the world, including the UK, celebrate and continue to push for LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer) rights.



How did Pride begin?

Pride is held in June to mark the anniversary of the Stonewall riots, a series of protests that occurred in New York city after police attempted to raid the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar, in the early hours of June 28, 1969. The confrontation sparked a gay rights uprising, that grew year on year - including in other American cities and abroad - with each passing anniversary.

How is Pride celebrated today?

Pride celebrations today often take the form of large, colourful marches through city centres. Although it is a celebration of LGBTQ people, non-LGBTQ people who believe in equality (sometimes referred to as allies) are always welcome. Rainbow flags, as a symbol of gay rights and the LGBTQ community's diversity, are common place at Pride marches. This year, Harrogate Theatre are celebrating Pride and Diversity this June by offering a line-up of shows which encompass life and all of its diversity.

What does Pride mean?

The Oxford Languages dictionary defines gay pride as, "Confidence, self-respect, and solidarity as expressed by gay people, associated with openness about one's own sexual identity, and the celebration of gay culture and history."

Transgender Pride Flag

The [Transgender Pride Flag](#), a blue, pink and white striped flag, was designed by [Monica Helms](#), a transgender woman, activist and author, in 1999.



Progress Pride Flag

It has the traditional six-stripe rainbow design as a base, then the 'Progress' variation adds a chevron along the hoist that features black, brown, light blue, pink and white stripes to bring those communities (marginalised people of colour, trans individuals and those living with HIV/AIDs and those who have been lost).



Straight Ally Pride Flag

Straight allies' are heterosexual and or cisgender people who support equal civil rights, gender quality, LGBTQ+ social movements and challenge homophobia, biphobia, transphobia and any discrimination against the LGBTQA+ community



Spotlight - Refugee Week

Refugee Week 2026 runs from Monday 15 to Sunday 21 June and invites us to explore the theme of **Courage**. The word courage comes from the Latin *cor*, meaning “heart.”

It is inspired by the lives and experiences of people seeking sanctuary.

For refugees around the world, courage is often a daily necessity. It is the courage to face unknown journeys, learn new languages, work with unfamiliar systems, or simply to wake up each morning and step into an uncertain world.

Refugee Week 2026 calls us to come together and share the courage to welcome and to celebrate culture and community – to be joyful and connect.

Courage



Have a Courageous Conversation



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Courage isn't always loud or bold. It can be found in **simple acts**: opening your door to a neighbour, trying new food, reading a book, or watching a film that changes your view of the world. It can be speaking up, asking for help, sharing your story – or simply having the courage to be yourself.

Refugee Week 2026 marks 75 years since the Refugee Convention – a landmark agreement that those forced to flee deserve protection, dignity, and hope. For 75 years, it has provided the legal foundation that has saved millions of lives.



SIMPLE ACTS

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Information for Year 11

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 from 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
Monday	AM	GCSE Physics paper 2	8.25am, Hall (Triple), A19 (Combined)
	PM	GCSE Further Maths	12.25pm, D17
Tuesday	AM	GCSE Spanish Writing	8.25am, A24 (Higher), A25 (Foundation)
	PM	No PM exam	

House Update

KS4 House Spelling Competition

Are you in Year 9 or 10 with a keen eye for accurate spelling?

There are three rounds of spelling tests coming up on Wednesday lunch times in A49. The spellings you are tested on will range in difficulty and all will be commonly misspelt words from the GCSE course (Literature and Language).

Full marks on the first test enters you into the round two spelling bee. The top winning students on this round will go head-to-head in a round three spelling battle finale!

By entering and taking part, you are improving your spelling and oracy skills ahead of your GCSE exams.

The winner will receive prizes including books and treats PLUS house points AND the reputation of being your year group's no.1 greatest speller!

To enter, simply send Ms Watson an email:

watsonm@hgs.rklt.co.uk

Round one will take place at lunch time on Wednesday 17 June in A49.



Spelling Bee

House Mascot Competition

Don't forget to enter the new house competition for Years 7 to 10.

You are invited to design a house mascot that can be used at future Sports Days to represent your house with pride.

What you need to do

- Create a poster featuring your house mascot design. Your mascot should reflect both your house identity and team spirit. Your design must include:
 - Your house colour
 - Your house element (Ventus, Ignis, Terra, Aqua)
- Submit your entry **via Showbie (code M243A)**.

Please submit one or two posters. Posters should be bold, creative and clearly represent your house. All entries must be **submitted by Friday 19 June** via Showbie.

A poster for the House Mascot Competition at Harrogate Grammar School. At the top, it says 'HARROGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL'. Below that are four house crests: Ventus (Air, yellow), Ignis (Fire, red), Terra (Earth, green), and Aqua (Water, blue). The text 'HOUSE MASCOT COMPETITION!' is written in large, colorful letters. At the bottom, there is a box with instructions: 'INSTRUCTIONS FOR 7-11'S TO BE INCLUDED ON YOUR POSTERS.' It lists: 'Deadline: 19th June', 'Must include House Colour and House Element', and 'and a Mascot design'. There is also a blue snake mascot illustration.

PTA update

Used Uniform Donations

Do you have any uniform that no longer fits you? If so, please bring your donations to main reception. All donations welcome, we are particularly in need of trousers, blazers and PE kit.

The next whole school uniform sale will take place in the Autumn Term - date to be confirmed.

A poster titled 'USED UNIFORM DONATIONS' from Harrogate Grammar School. The text says: 'The PTA are looking for clean, good quality uniform donations. We are particularly in need of trousers, blazers and PE kit. Please bring any items to main reception. There is a Yr 7 new starter sale in the next few weeks, parents will be contacted with details. A whole school uniform sale will take place in the Autumn Term - date to be confirmed.'



The next Car Free Friday takes place

Friday 19 June

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.

Cycle Safe - wear your helmet

If you are cycling to school, whether as part of Car Free Friday or not, don't forget your helmet. Wearing a helmet is one of the easiest ways to protect yourself and reduce the risk of serious head injuries if you fall or have an accident. Make sure your helmet fits properly, is fastened securely, and sits level on your head.



Stay safe, be seen, and enjoy the ride to school responsibly.



Year 7 Rounders

A big well done to the Year 7 rounders team who competed in their first friendly against St Aidan's. They came away with two wins and two close losses. Well done everyone!

U13s Cricket

A big well done to our U13s cricket team who participated in the soft ball chance to shine cricket tournament at HCC. Unfortunately we didn't progress to the next round but some lovely cricket was played.



Junior Maths Kangaroo

We are very proud of our Year 7 and Year 8 students who have participated in the Junior Maths Kangaroo this week! This is a prestigious national competition designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in problem-solving among young mathematicians.



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A Level Art & Design Exhibition

Please come along to the A Level Art, Photography and Design Exhibition on Thursday 25 June from 6pm to 8pm in the Atrium.

Senior Citizens Summer Tea Party

HGS Sixth Form students are hosting a Summer Tea Party on Tuesday 30 June 2026 for local senior citizens.

If you are able to contribute items for the raffle, please drop off at Main School or Sixth Form reception by Friday 19 June.

Any donations gratefully received, thank you.



Information for Sixth Form Students

Year 12 - Key Dates

Date	Event
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
Tuesday 7 July	EPQ deadline
Friday 10 July	Final day in school
Monday 13 July	Work experience week

Year 12 prospective Medics, Dentists, and Vets

There will be a session on **Tuesday 23 June period 1** in S28 to introduce and begin writing your personal statements for UCAS applications. Please attend and aim to bring a list of things which you could include in your personal statement.

Any questions beforehand, please contact Miss Parker.

University Open Days

We will approve 4 days of absence for open day visits, but this must be pre-approved in advance and not clash with exams.



University Open Days are a great way to explore the campus and decide whether studying there is a good fit for you. Search your open day, plan the most from your visit and see virtual tours and videos of campus life and facilities. [Click here](#) to view open days.

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](#)