



Student Weekly News

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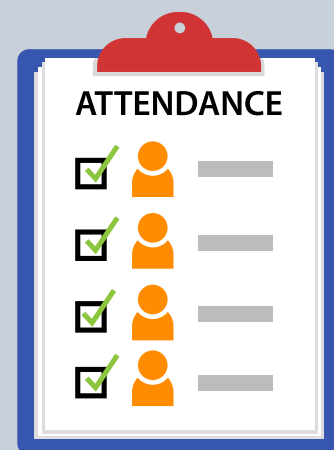
Attendance Challenge - Years 7 to 11

Can your year group achieve the perfect start?

During the first three weeks of term, we are setting all students the challenge of achieving 100% attendance.

Research and experience show that strong attendance habits established early in the year often continue throughout the months ahead. Every student who attends every day during the challenge will receive a golden ticket (further details in your first assembly).

This challenge will start on Wednesday 9 September and end on Wednesday 30 September.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
Weds 16 Sept	Auditions for Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9) Show in A03 at 2.40pm (finish 4.30pm)	Years 7 to 9
Mon 21 Sept	Year 10 GCSE option subjects - 6.30pm, Hall (invite only for parents whose children are studying certain GCSE subjects)	Year 10
Tues 22 Sept	Year 11 Parent Information Evening - 6.30pm, Hall - parents can book here	Year 11
Thurs 24 Sept	Year 7 Parents Welcome Evening - 6.30pm, Hall - parents can book here	Year 7
Fri 25 Sept	Year 11 Macbeth Trip, Shakespeare North Theatre	Year 11
	Flu vaccinations	Year 9
Tues 29 Sept	Year 10 Parent Information Evening - 6.30pm, Hall - parent can book here	Year 10
Fri 2 Oct	Training Day - school closed to students	All years
Sat 3 Oct	Year 6 Open Morning	Student Helpers Y7 and Y8

Assemblies

Day	Time	Year	Location	Additional Information
Monday	8.50am	7	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Tuesday	8.50am	11	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
	Noon	11		Register in the Hall at the start of Period 4
Wednesday	8.50am	8	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Thursday	8.50am	9	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Friday	8.50am	10	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
	Period 4	7		Register in the Hall at the start of Period 4

Password Resets

App	PASSWORD RESETS - Who can reset my password?
Showbie	Any of your class teachers
Arbor	Click on 'forgot password' on the Arbor website and an email reset link will be sent to your student email address
Outlook	Any of your teachers and your Year Manager can reset this for you
ClassCharts	Main reception can advise you of your log in code
Sparx Maths/Reader/ Science	Click on 'Forgot your password' on the login page. Enter your school email address and a reset password link will be emailed to you.



Click on the image above to access our sports fixture list

**Cancelled Clubs next week
Monday - Year 7 Girls Hockey**

Termly Curriculum Overviews

The termly curriculum overviews are a great tool to check what you will be studying this term.

Click on the links opposite for your year group and select a subject to see what topics you will cover this year.

[Year 7, 8 and 9](#)

[Year 10 and 11](#)

[Year 12](#)

[Year 13](#)

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.

Lockers

If you would like to be allocated a locker please remember to bring a padlock into school.

Our site team will be visiting form rooms from Monday 14 September to start allocating lockers.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

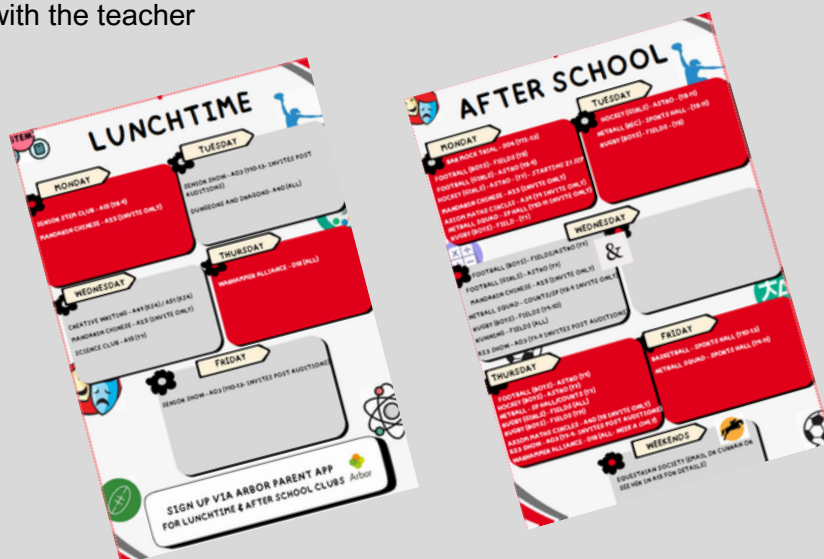
Great news! We are delighted to launch our extra-curricular timetable. The timetable can be found at the back of this newsletter. All clubs will start from Monday 14 September.

How to sign up for a club?

- Please ask your parent/carer to sign up via the Arbor app within the Clubs section
- Make your way to the club/activity for the advertised start time and register with the teacher

Craft Club - interested to attend?

Would you be interested in attending a lunchtime craft club where you can learn to knit and crochet? If so, please complete [this form](#).



HGS Social Media

To keep up to date with Life at HGS please follow our School accounts.



**Sixth Form
Accounts**



Science initiatives for Years 10 to 13

The University of Cambridge and the University of Oxford have some exciting initiatives to support students in their GCSE and A level science studies. All these initiatives are free to students.

Initiative	Students in Years	Deadline to register	When
<u>COMPOS</u> (Comprehensive Oxford Physics and Maths Online School) Oxbridge style online tutoring each week for state school students with a keen interest in both physics and maths.	10, 11 (for those achieving grades 7-9)	24 Sep 26 Limit 1000 places Returning COMPOS students should use the unique link sent to them via email to register.	Y10 & Y12 (late October to July) Y11 (late October to Feb HT)
<u>EM Power</u> This is a two year programme for students of black heritage which includes online workshops, academic mentoring and, for some students, a short residential course in Oxford.	Year 11 Year 10	12 Oct 26 TBC	

Harrogate Grammar School KS3 Show



KS3 Show Auditions

The Boy, the mole, the fox and the Horse

Auditions will take place on Wednesday 16th September in A03 2:40-4:30pm.
Years 7-9 all welcome!

Nothing to prepare! Be bold, be brave, come along!



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



Parent Information - Years 7 to 11

Parent Volunteers - Sixth Form Career Pathway Programme

We are beginning to organise our career events in the Sixth Form for this academic year. We are looking for parent volunteers to help support our Sixth Form Career Pathway programme. Every year we arrange a series of different events including: Career Pathway Talks, Work Experience and a Careers Fair. If you are able to support any of these events, or would like more information please complete [this form](#) and one of our Sixth Form team will be in touch.

Reporting an absence



How can my parents contact school if I am ill?

As part of our safeguarding procedures, your parent/carer needs to contact the School Attendance Officer by 9.30am on each day of absence. They should contact them via the Arbor Parent App within the Attendance section before 9.30am.

If your parents/carers are unable to access the Arbor app, they should contact the HGS Attendance Officer as per below:

Years 7 to 11 - 01423 535635 or email HGSattendance@hgs.rklt.co.uk

Years 12 & 13 - 01423 535236 or email ReedT@hgs.rklt.co.uk

They can request a password reset link for Arbor by emailing HGSgateway@hgs.rklt.co.uk

Students in Years 7, 10 and 12 had their school photographs this week.

School Photographs Year 7 and 10

Next week, Form tutors will hand out proofs for students to take home. If you would like to place an order, please use the QR code on the proof.

Please note the deadline to order prints to be delivered free of charge to school is **Wednesday 30 September**.

Home Learning



French, German and Spanish - Word a Day - Years 8 to 11

Every fortnight students are set a homework task to learn 14 new words in each language they are studying. Students can locate their words via their showbie folder. You can also access these words via the [Termly Curriculum Overviews](#).

We encourage parents and carers to routinely test their child at home.

Year 7 - Look-cover-write sheet

Year 7 students will be handed a look-cover-write sheet every fortnight to support them learning their words. They should try other learning techniques too, such as wordwall and asking others to test them.

Parent Information - Years 7 to 11

Maths Calculators

Year	Subject	Calculator	Discounted Price (purchase via Arbor Shop)
7, 8, 9	Maths	Casio FX-83GT CW Black	£9.65
10, 11 12, 13	GCSE Maths Core Maths A Level Maths AS Maths	Casio FX-991CW Advanced Scientific	£20.85
12, 13	Further Maths	Casio CG100	£79.95

How to order?

Orders can be placed Via School Shop in the Arbor Parent App

Deadline to order:
Friday 25 September

Orders will be handed to students during Maths lessons once the calculators have arrived in school.



Stylus Pens

We are delighted to advise that you can now purchase iPad stylus pens via Arbor School shop. The white stylus pen costs £6, once purchased this can be collected from main reception during break, lunch time or after period 6.

The 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



School Lunches

Cashless Catering Account

We operate a cashless fingerprint system and parents are encouraged to top up using our online payment system.

Wondering how to top up accounts?

Within the Arbor Parent App, select Payments section, select Meals. From here select Top Up Account.



Free School Meals

Could your family be entitled to Free School Meals?
If you are a parent/carer on a low income, your children could be entitled to free school meals.

How does it work?

Families who qualify receive a daily credit to allow them to receive a hot lunch in school.

[Click here](#) for more information including how to apply.

Parent Communications this week

Parent communications that have been sent this week:

- [Year 7 Welcome](#)
- [Year 8 and 9 Welcome](#)
- [Year 10 and 11 Welcome](#)
- [PE start of year message](#)



STEM

LUNCHTIME

MONDAY

BOYS CHOIR - P13 (ALL)
JUNIOR ORCHESTRA - P11 (Y7-9)
SENIOR STEM CLUB - A15 (Y8-9)
MANDARIN CHINESE - A25 (INVITE ONLY)
MINECRAFT - AO4 (Y7 - STARTING 29 SEP)

TUESDAY

BRASS ENSEMBLE- PO3 (ALL)
DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS- A40 (ALL)
JUNIOR CHOIR - P11 (Y7-9)
MINECRAFT - AO4 (Y8 - STARTING 29 SEP)
SENIOR SHOW - AO3 (Y10-13- INVITES POST AUDITIONS)

WEDNESDAY

CREATIVE WRITING - A49 (KS4) / A51 (KS4)
MANDARIN CHINESE - A25 (INVITE ONLY)
SCIENCE CLUB - A15 (Y7)
STRING ENSEMBLE - PO3 (ALL)
WOODWIND ENSEMBLE - P10 (ALL)

THURSDAY

SONG WRITING CLUB- P11 (ALL)
SUSTAINABILITY AMBASSADORS - A11 (ALL-WEEK B ONLY)
WARHAMMER ALLIANCE - D18 (ALL)

FRIDAY

SCHOOL OF ROCK - MUSIC ROOMS (ALL)
SENIOR SHOW - AO3 (Y10-13- INVITES POST AUDITIONS)

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



Arbor



AFTER SCHOOL



MONDAY

BAR MOCK TRIAL - SO4 (Y12-13)
FOOTBALL (BOYS) - FIELDS (Y8)
FOOTBALL (GIRLS) - ASTRO (Y8-9)
HOCKEY (GIRLS) - ASTRO - (Y7) - *STARTING 21 SEP*
JAZZ BAND - PO3 (ALL)
MANDARIN CHINESE - A25 (INVITE ONLY)
AXIOM MATHS CIRCLES - A39 (Y9 INVITE ONLY)
NETBALL - SP HALL (Y10-11)
RUGBY (BOYS) - FIELD - (Y7)

TUESDAY

HOCKEY (GIRLS) - ASTRO - (Y8-11)
NETBALL (REC) - SPORTS HALL - (Y8-11)
RUGBY (BOYS) - FIELDS - (Y8)

WEDNESDAY

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FOOTBALL (BOYS) - FIELDS/ASTRO (Y7)
FOOTBALL (GIRLS) - ASTRO (Y7)
MANDARIN CHINESE - A25 (INVITE ONLY)
NETBALL REC - COURTS (Y8)
NETBALL SQUAD - COURTS (Y9- INVITE ONLY)

RUGBY (BOYS) - FIELDS (Y9-10)
RUNNING - FIELDS (ALL)
SENIOR ORCHESTRA- PO3 (ALL)
KS3 SHOW - A03 (Y7-9 INVITES POST AUDITIONS)
TECH TEAM - P13 (ALL)

THURSDAY

FOOTBALL (BOYS) - ASTRO (Y9)
HOCKEY (BOYS) - ASTRO (Y7)
NETBALL - SP HALL/COURTS (Y7)
STAGE CHOIR - P11 (ALL)
RUGBY (GIRLS) - FIELDS (ALL)
RUGBY (BOYS) - FIELDS (Y11)
AXIOM MATHS CIRCLES - A40 (Y8 INVITE ONLY)
KS3 SHOW - A03 (Y7-9- INVITES POST AUDITIONS)
WARHAMMER ALLIANCE - D18 (ALL- WEEK A ONLY)

FRIDAY

BASKETBALL - SPORTS HALL (Y10-13)
NETBALL SQUAD - SPORTS HALL (Y9-11)

WEEKENDS

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

