



Sixth Form Weekly News

w/c 14 September 2026

Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group(s)
Wednesday 16 September	Year 13 Welcome Evening (No booking required)	Year 13
Tuesday 22 & Wednesday 23 September	Year 12 Welcome Evening Book your place here - Tuesday 22 September Book your place here - Wednesday 23 September	Year 12
Wednesday 30 September	Oxbridge deadline	Year 12
Thursday 1 October	Soundfest	Years 12 and 13
Friday 2 October	Training Day - school closed to students	All years

Sixth Form Standards and Dress Code

We set high standards in the Sixth Form, and these expectations have been reiterated to students at the start of term. Full details of the routines and expectations can be found on the [website](#). This includes a reminder that we insist on high standards of appearance and students are also issued with an ID badge and lanyard. This must be visibly worn at all times to help safeguard all members of our community.

Plain, smart woollen jumper or cardigan, or suit jacket / blazer	
Smart long or short sleeved shirt, or smart blouse with collar	
Smart trousers or skirt	
Smart leather shoes	
Lanyard with ID visible, worn around the neck. Lanyards must be worn at all times throughout school. Lost lanyards will need to be replaced at a cost of £5.	

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Sixth Form Bursary

Students may apply for a bursary which aims to help and support students who face the greatest barriers to learning. Please note that students who received bursary payments last year must reapply for the new academic year.

To find out if your son/daughter might be eligible, and how to apply, please consult the [school website](#) or contact Mrs Reed at Sixth Form Reception via reedt@hgs.rklt.co.uk.

Reporting an absence

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:

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

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



Maths Calculators

Year	Subject	Calculator	Discounted Price (purchase via Arbor Shop)
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.



Years 10, 11,
12 & 13



Year 12 & 13
Further Maths

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School Photographs

Students in Year 12 had their school photographs this week. 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**.

Information for Year 12

Please follow the link [here](#) to access a letter from Mr Twitchin regarding key information for Year 12 students and Parent/Carers.

Information for Year 13

Please follow the link [here](#) to access a letter from Mr Twitchin regarding key information for Year 13 students and Parent/Carers.

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 12](#)
[Year 13](#)

UCAS

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Students will receive their UCAS predicted grades on **Monday 14 September**. These grades are included on university applications, and they represent aspirational grades which teachers believe a student has a realistic chance of being able to achieve.

Weekly Progression sessions with form tutors during period 4 every Tuesday provide students with opportunities to explore and discuss their options.

A personal statement clinic session will be held weekly on a Thursday lunchtime for students to ask questions and seek advice.

Support is available in school for students to discuss applications on a one-to-one basis with a member of staff. Students can speak to their Form Tutor, or to one of the Sixth Form Team. In addition, our independent Careers Adviser, Mrs Mitchell, will be available to meet Sixth Form students by appointment for careers advice.

University Open Days

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](#)

HGS Social Media

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



**Sixth Form
Accounts**



Science initiatives for Years 12 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.	12, 13 (Grade A)	24 Sep 26 Limit 1000 places Returning COMPOS students should use the unique link sent to them via email to register.	Y12 (late October to July)
STEM smart Students need to study Maths and one or more of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Computer Science <u>Click here</u> for more information and eligibility	12	31 Oct 26	from Jan 2026
Isaac Physics Mentoring Schemes - <u>click here</u> for more information - Year 12 & 13 Year 11 - join <u>here</u>	12 studying Physics	Y13 can join now	From Feb of Year 12 to Nov of Year 13
<u>Quantum Club at Oxford University.</u> Explore the exciting world of Quantum Physics through weekly tutorials, practicals and home learning.	Year 12 Year 13	11 Oct 26	