



Student Weekly News

w/c 21 September 2026

Attendance Challenge - Years 7 to 11

What a brilliant start.

Our attendance % is much higher than this time last year.

Can we keep it going for week 2?

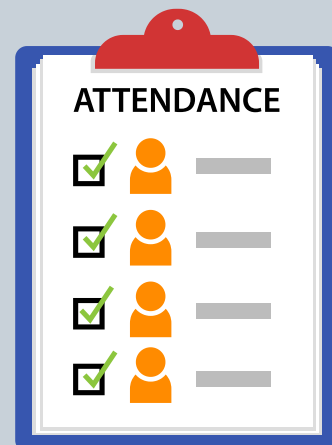
The Challenge:

Can your year group achieve the perfect start?

The challenge is for all students to achieve 100%.

Every student who achieves this will receive a golden ticket.

The challenge runs from Wednesday 9 September to Wednesday 30 September.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
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
	Nasal flu vaccinations (Years 7 to 9)	Year 9
Tues 29 Sept	Year 10 Parent Information Evening - 6.30pm, Hall - parent can book here	Year 10
	PTA meeting 6.30pm	
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
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

Shelter in Place

We have no indication that there is any particular threat to our school or any other school, but it is important to respond to national advice by preparing thoroughly for events that could threaten the safety of our staff and students. Although such an event could be related to a terrorist event, it is also possible that events such as a gas leak or chemical escape could cause us to sound the bell. Shelter in place is a safety procedure that covers extreme hazards such as a smoke cloud, local chemical leak or an intruder on site.

A siren alert will signal shelter in place

The siren will stop ringing when it is all clear

During form time on Tuesday, your form tutor will talk to you about the actions below that you should take in the unlikely event of hearing the shelter in place siren. The siren alert will also be rung.

DURING LESSONS	DURING BREAK OR LUNCH
- You must follow the instructions of your class teacher and remain in the classroom. - If you are walking on a corridor, you must enter the nearest classroom and follow the instructions from the teacher.	- You must quickly and calmly enter the school and go to the next lesson on your timetable. - You must follow the instruction of your class teacher.

If you encounter a shelter in place situation outside the school grounds, you should follow the advice from the Home Office - run, hide, tell



You must:

RUN - to a place of safety. This is a better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...

HIDE - Turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can.

TELL - the police by calling 999 when it is safe to do so.

House Cross Country

The first house event of this academic year will be Cross Country.

Further details can be found below including when your cross country event will take place and what to bring.

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

STARTING WEEK COMMENCING 28TH SEPTEMBER

WEEK B - 28TH SEPTEMBER

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday B 28 th					8c	8c
Tuesday B 29 th		7b				
Wednesday B 30 th	7d	7d	10i	10i		
Thursday B 1 st	8d	8d	9b	9b	9d	9d
Friday B 2 nd	Training Day					

WEEK A - 5TH OCTOBER

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday A 5 th Oct	7a	7a	8b	8b	9a	9a
Tuesday A 6 th Oct						
Wednesday A 7 th Oct	10r	10r	7c	7c		
Thursday A 8 th Oct	9c	9c	8a	8a		
Friday A 9 th Oct			11r	11r	11i	11i



Year 7-9: 2 Laps
Y10-Y11: 3 Laps

EVENT LAYOUT

- Follow the marked route and PE teachers' and sports leaders' instructions
- Boys and girls line up separately after finishing
- PE teachers and sports leaders positioned around the course

DON'T FORGET TO BRING

- ✓ PE Kit
- ✓ Football boots or old trainers suitable for muddy conditions
- ✓ Spare bag for muddy kit
- ✓ Towel

PUSH YOURSELF • EARN HOUSE POINTS • REPRESENT YOUR FORM

SEE YOUR PE TEACHER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Friday 25 September

The school immunisation team will be in school on Friday 25 September to commence the annual nasal flu vaccines.

On Friday 25 September they will be focussing on Years 7, 8 and 9 as per the timetable below. The immunisation team will return on Friday 4 December morning to complete vaccinations for students in Years 10 and 11.

Students (who have parental consent) will be asked to make their way quietly to Gym 2 for the start time.

If your parents have provided consent for you to have the nasal flu vaccine you will see an event in your Arbor calendar detailing the time you need to arrive at Gym 2.

Post your vaccine please make your way back quietly to your lesson.

Year 9 Timings - Friday 25 September					
Form	Time	Period	Form	Time	Period
AOI	9.00	1	LFH	9.55	2
EXR	9.10	1	LMB	10.05	2
FLM	9.20	1	LZN	10.15	2
GZP	9.30	1	MGS	10.25	2
JZW	9.40	1	RRP	10.35	2

Year 8 Timings - Friday 25 September					
Form	Time	Period	Form	Time	Period
AAO	11.10	3	NRH	12.00	4
ADT	11.20	3	ORP	12.10	4
AKB	11.30	3	RMN	12.20	4
LJN	11.40	3	RXB	12.30	4
MIW	11.50	3	SYC	12.40	4

Year 7 Timings - Friday 25 September					
Form	Time	Period	Form	Time	Period
ABM	13.45	5	KRG	14.35	6
ERE	13.55	5	KZG	14.45	6
HMK	14.05	5	LCH	14.55	6
JXC	14.15	5	SAH	15.05	6
KBE	14.25	5	TEL	15.15	6



Click on the image above to access our sports fixture list

Cancelled Clubs next week

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

The site team will continue to allocated lockers this week.

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

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Have you signed up for a lunchtime and/or after school club?

What club would you like to attend? Maybe a sports club, minecraft club, warhammer club, choir, drama, jazz band or a science club. Further details of what clubs are available can be found at the back of the newsletter.

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

New Clubs Now Available to Book via Arbor/Clubs

****Girl's Circuits (Years 10 and 11)****

Thursday after school 3.45pm to 4.30pm, Gym 2

****Craft Club (all years)****

Thursday lunchtime 1pm to 1.40pm in D17. Yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles will be provided along with some patterns or you can bring your own project to complete.

****Chess Club (All Years)****

Thursday Lunchtime

****Sustainability Awareness****

Thursday Lunchtime (Week B only)



PRE-ORDERS NOW AVAILABLE

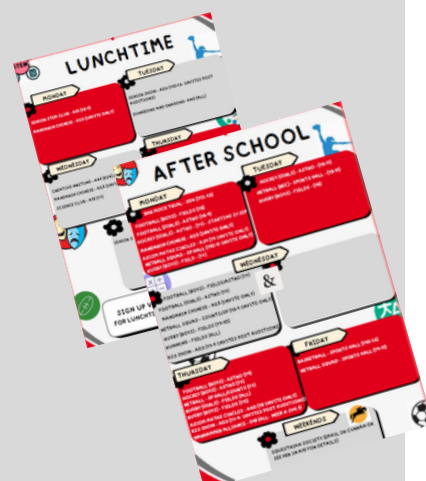
DELICIOUS SANDWICHES & SANDWICH MEAL DEAL

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

HGS Open Events



HARROGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

OPEN EVENTS

FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS CONSIDERING THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR 2027

Prospective Year 6 students and their parents are warmly invited to visit our school. We want to help you make an informed decision about the next stage in your child's education.





OPEN MORNING (PARENTS/CARERS ONLY)	OPEN MORNING (FOR FAMILIES)
See our school in action	
WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER AT 9.20AM - 10.30AM OR 11.20AM - 12.30PM	SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER AT 9AM - 11AM OR 11.30AM - 1.30PM

To book your place please visit
www.ticketsource.co.uk/harrogate-grammar-school

RED KITE
LEARNING TRUST

Open Events for current Year 6

We are looking forward to our open events on the following dates:

Wednesday 30 September (parent/carers only)
session 1: 9.20am OR
session 2: 11.20am

Saturday 3 October (families)
session 1: 9am to 11am OR
session 2: 11.30am to 1.30pm

If you know anyone in Year 6 who would like to look around the school. Please ask them to register via www.ticketsource.co.uk/harrogate_grammar_school



The Sixth Form
at Harrogate Grammar School
Excellence For All

OPEN EVENING

For entry into Year 12 September 2027.

Students and their parents / carers are invited into the Sixth Form to hear about the wide range of courses on offer from our subject specialists, get an insight into our thriving culture, meet our students and tour our first-class facilities.

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER
4 - 6PM
OR
6.30 - 8.30PM



To book your place please visit the school website or
www.ticketsource.co.uk/harrogate-grammar-school

RED KITE
LEARNING TRUST

Year 11 students

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 21 October.

This is a great opportunity to explore our Sixth Form, attend subject specific talks and find out more about our courses, facilities and culture.

Please click on [this link](#) to book your time slot for the Sixth Form Open Evening.

Dropping off and collecting students



NO PARKING

Please can we remind parents to use the Park & Stride locations when dropping off students at the start of the school day or collecting students at the end of the school day.

To ensure the safety of students during these busy times, please do not use:

- the main car park,
- the roads adjoining roads Arthurs Avenue including Cundall Way, Southway, Grasmere Crescent and Rossett Way,
- the yellow zig zag lines near the school on Arthurs Avenue.

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?

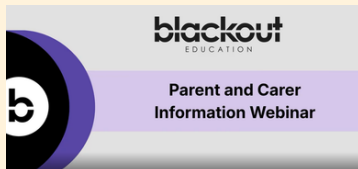
Orders can be placed Via School Shop in the Arbor Parent App

Deadline to order:
Friday 25 September

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



Blackout Technologies Use of Mobile Phones in school



Blackout Technology Parent Webinar

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the webinar last week.

If you were unable to attend or need a reminder of the content, please click on [this link](#) to access a pre-recorded version of the webinar. **Please note, this webinar can only be played on a desktop or iPad/tablet.**

Further details will be shared parents shortly regarding the roll out of this technology to students in Years 7 to 11.

School Photographs Year 7 and 10

Form tutors have handed 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**.

Parent Communications this week

Parent communications that have been sent this week:

- Blackout Technology link (see above)
- PTA AGM notification

