

Sixth Form Weekly News

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The Sixth Form
at Harrogate Grammar School
Excellence For All

Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group(s)
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

Shelter in Place

We have no indication that there is any particular threat to our school or any other school, but we feel that 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 / STUDY PERIODS	DURING BREAK OR LUNCH
*You must follow the instructions of your class teacher and remain in the classroom / study space. *If you are walking on a corridor, you must enter the nearest classroom and follow the instructions from the teacher. *If you are in G2 during a free period, remain in G2 and follow the instructions of a member of staff.	*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 are entering the school premises when the siren sounds you must follow the instructions given by a member of staff and go to the nearest classroom as directed.

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

**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...

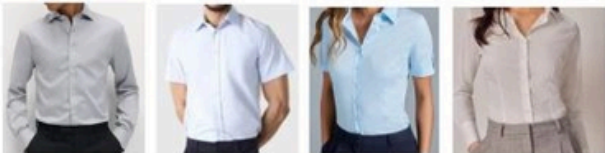
HIDE - Turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can.

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

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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.	

Year 12 - are you interested in a career as a medic, dentist, or vet?

Please meet with Miss Parker, Wednesday 23rd September at lunch time - room TBC - to register your interest and look at work experience opportunities. Please bring iPads. Anyone interested in one of these careers but who cannot make it, please email Miss Parker to let her know (parkere@hgs.rklt.co.uk) so that you can be added to the showbie group and mailing list.

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Year 13 Parents Welcome Evening 2026

Please follow the link [here](#) to access the slides from the Year 13 Parents Welcome Evening that took place on Wednesday 16 September 2026

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

Bar Mock Trial

The Bar Mock Trial team will rehearse on Mondays after school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in S04 with Miss Meenagh. If you are interested in law, public speaking or acting come along to find out more.



Service Sign Up

Following on from your Progression session yesterday, please read through the Service roles on the attached document and complete the Microsoft form here: [Year 12 Service 2026-2027 – Role Preferences](#). Remember, Service is a key part of our Sixth Form provision here at Harrogate Grammar School as our Sixth Form students are positive role models for the rest of the school. The expectation is that all students commit to completing at least 30 hours of Service within the school community.

If you have any questions about Service, please speak to Ms Armstrong or Mrs Ingleton.

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Progression and UCAS



Throughout Year 12, students engaged in a range of activities to help them to develop a vision for their future beyond the Sixth Form. The first term of Year 13 is an important period in applying for university courses and apprenticeships. Students can apply for both of these progression routes simultaneously, and we encourage them to consider all options open to them. Support is provided by their form tutor and the Sixth Form Team within school.

Further information and useful links for students and parents can be found on Showbie, Unifrog, and the progression and careers section of the school website.

Students who apply to university will do so through an online UCAS process, overseen by the Sixth Form Team. Time in the summer term was dedicated to this, and students should have completed a first draft of their personal statement and will be in the process of researching courses.

It is crucial that students make appropriate course choices in line with their academic progress and Teacher Estimated Grades, and which match their personal preferences. The following steps will be taken to support this process:

- 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.

Dates for the submission of applications by the students to the school:

Conservatoire, Oxbridge, Medics, Dentists, Vets	30 September
Russell Group Universities	16 October
All other applications	13 November

Please be aware that numerous checks need to take place and an application can take up to three weeks to process in school, so the personal statement should be written as soon as possible. The dates are different due to earlier deadlines for Oxbridge, Medical and other comparable courses.

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.

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