



Student Weekly News

w/c 28 September 2026

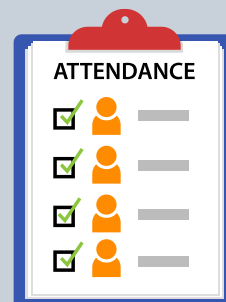
Attendance Challenge - Years 7 to 11

Well done on another fantastic week! We are thrilled to announce a new opportunity: trade in your golden ticket to receive three golden tickets in return.

You can win three golden tickets by achieving 100% attendance for the entirety of Autumn Term 1. Remember, that means 100% attendance up to the October half term.

Will you keep your golden ticket, or will you trade it in?

Look out for more in next week's newsletter about how to confirm if you want to trade in or keep your golden ticket....



Dates for your diary

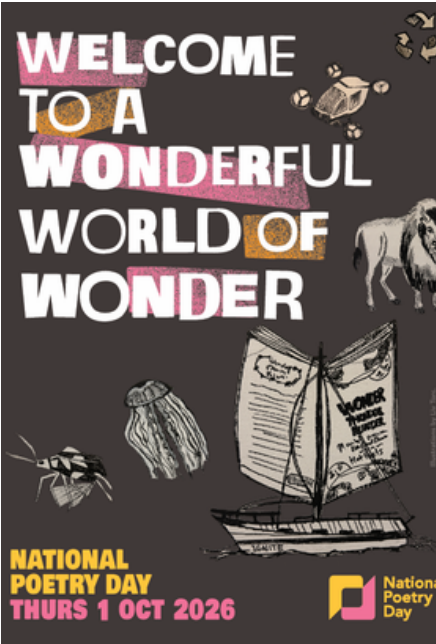
Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
w/c 28 Sept	House Cross Country	Years 7 to 11
Tues 29 Sept	Year 10 Parent Information Evening - 6.30pm, Hall - parent can book here	Year 10
	PTA meeting 6.30pm	n/a
Wed 30 Sept	Prospective new parents open morning (Year 6)	n/a
Thu 1 Oct	National Poetry Day	Years 7 and 8
Fri 2 Oct	Training Day - school closed to students	All years
Sat 3 Oct	Year 6 Open Morning	Student Helpers Y7 and Y8
w/c 5 Oct	School Councils Mon-Y11, Tue-Y10, Wed-Y9, Thu-Y8, Fri-Y7	Years 7 to 11
Fri 9 Oct	Friday Night Lights Rugby, Yarnbury Rugby Club	
Sat 10 Oct	Rugby fixtures @ Harrogate Rugby Club	All years

Assemblies

Day	Time	Year	Location	Additional Information
Monday	8.50am	7		No assembly, please register in your form room
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				No assemblies

Every week our 'Sustainability Ambassadors' will share their sustainability tip of the week.

See below for more information about how to get involved with sustainability at HGS.



National Poetry Day - Thursday 1 October

Students in year 7 and 8 will have a special English lesson next week for National Poetry Day on Thursday 1 October.

In this lesson we will read a poem inspired by nature and this year's theme: WONDER.

Then we will ask students to compose their own poem by personifying an element of nature that they find wondrous and awe-inspiring. Students will be asked to write their poem up neatly and decorate it onto a maple leaf, ready to go on display. The best poems will be entered into a competition, and the winners will be given prizes before half term.

Year 7 and 8, start thinking about your poem now and be ready to get creative!

House Events This Half Term

House Cross Country

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

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



HOUSE FOOD BANK CHALLENGE

Take part, make a difference and earn positives!

Each house will take it in turns to collect food for the food bank. Bring in donations during your house's week and help support people in our local community.

VENTUS

W/c 12 Oct

TERRA

W/c 7 Dec

AQUA

W/c 25 Jan

IGNIS

W/c 8 Mar

WHOLE SCHOOL

W/c 12 July

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	10l	10l		
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	11l	11l

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

WE'RE TAKING PART IN

CAR FREE FRIDAYS

EVERY MILE COUNTS

VITA

Dates for your diary

Friday 16 October

Friday 20 November

Friday 5 February

Friday 12 March

Friday 7 May

Friday 18 June

Sparx Learning

Drop in sessions if you need any help with your Sparx home learning:

Sparx Science - Year 7 to 11
Wednesday lunchtime in A24



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

Most forms have now been assigned lockers. If your form has already received a locker and you would like one as well, please visit the main reception to add your name to the list.

Don't forget to bring a padlock to school so you have it ready when the Site team visits your form.

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

T.A.L.K. club

Thursday lunchtimes

Sustainability Ambassadors

Thursday lunchtimes Week B

Learning Support Home Learning club

Monday afterschool
Thursday afterschool

Chess Club

Thursday lunchtimes



PRE-ORDERS NOW AVAILABLE

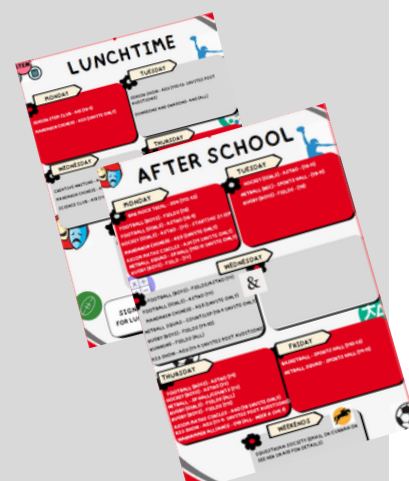
DELICIOUS SANDWICHES & SANDWICH MEAL DEAL

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



Recommended Reading

We regularly share reading recommendations. Please click on the image opposite to access our reading recommendations for Autumn 1 term.

This webpage also includes details of new arrivals in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC).

All students can borrow books from the LRC. Please ask the LRC for more details of how to borrow.



Parent Information - Years 7 to 11

HGS Open Events



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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)

See our school in action

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
AT 9.20AM - 10.30AM OR
11.20AM - 12.30PM

OPEN MORNING
(FOR FAMILIES)

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER
AT 9AM - 11AM OR
11.30AM - 1.30PM

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



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
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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



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.

Parent Information - Years 7 to 11

Can you help?

CAREERS FAIR

Don't miss the chance to attend the HGS careers fair, where you can meet with education and training providers plus local and national employers. Enjoy visiting stands to learn more about different career and education pathways.



7.00PM to 8.30PM
THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2026



FORUM, HGS
ACCESS VIA SIXTH FORM ENTRANCE

ALL HGS STUDENTS & PARENTS
WELCOME



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School Photographs Year 7 and 10

Individual Student Photos: 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.

Form Group Photos: a link has been emailed on 22 September, please follow the link to place any orders.

Please note the deadline to order prints to be delivered free of charge to school is:

Individual photos: Wednesday 30 September

Form Group photos: Tuesday 6 October

Parent Communications this week

Parent communications that have been sent this week:

- [PSHRE information letter](#) - emailed 22 September



North Yorkshire Police - E-Bikes

Click on [this link](#) to access a publication from North Yorkshire Police regarding e-bikes and the law.

Yew Tree Lane Road Closure - from Monday 5 October

We have been informed by Yorkshire Water that Yew Tree Lane will be closed for five days from Monday 5 October. Further details regarding this closure can be found on [this link](#).

A signed diversion will be in place via Whinney Lane and Hill Top Lane.

As this road closure will cause some disruption for families travelling to and from school via these routes, it is recommended that you allow a little extra time for journeys. Yorkshire Water have informed all school bus companies.

ROAD
CLOSED

