

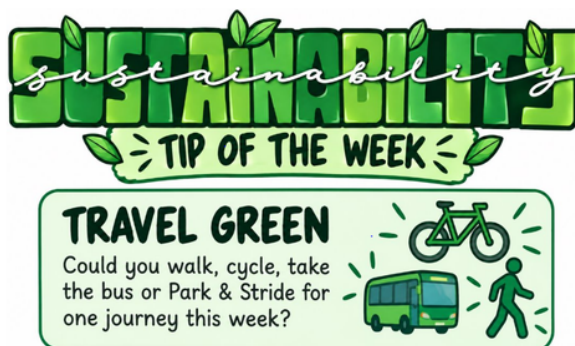


Student Weekly News

w/c 12 October 2026

Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
Sat 10 Oct	Rugby fixtures @ Harrogate Rugby Club	All years
w/c 12 Oct	Food Bank Donations - to the Atrium	All in Ventus
	Biology Week	All years
Tue 13 Oct	French Exchange Parent Information Evening	6pm, Forum
Tue 13 Oct	PTA AGM and Meeting	6.30pm, Sixth Form
Wed 14 Oct	Year 7 Bayeux Tapestry Event (see Arbor for times and location) Year 7 Tutor Parent Meetings (meetings booked by parents via Parent Evening System) Golden Ticket deadline 5pm - complete ' <u>Purchase Items</u> ' form for Halloween Disco & Tuckshop	Year 7
Fri 16 Oct	Car Free Friday	All years
	Year 7 and 8 Charity Disco (6pm to 7.30pm) - tickets still available via Arbor Trips	Year 7 and 8
Sat 17 Oct	PTA used uniform sale	10.30am to noon The Hub
Fri 23 Oct	Show racism the red card event - more information to follow	Years 7 to 11



Assemblies

Day	Time	Year	Location	Additional Information
Monday	8.50am	7	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Tuesday	8.50am Period 4	11 10	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am Register in the Hall at noon
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 12.00pm	10 7	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am Register in the Hall at noon



All donations to be taken to the Atrium

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7ERE 7KRG 7KZG	8RMN 8RXB	9JZW 9RRP 9LZN	10JWB 10ERE 10TXS	11EGC 11JLC

Year 6 Open Event



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the open event on Saturday. We welcomed more than 550 families to the school. Click on the image below to watch a reel from the open event.



Are you in Ventus?

Remember to bring in a food donation and take to the Atrium.

All donations are gifted to 'Resurrected Bites' in Harrogate.

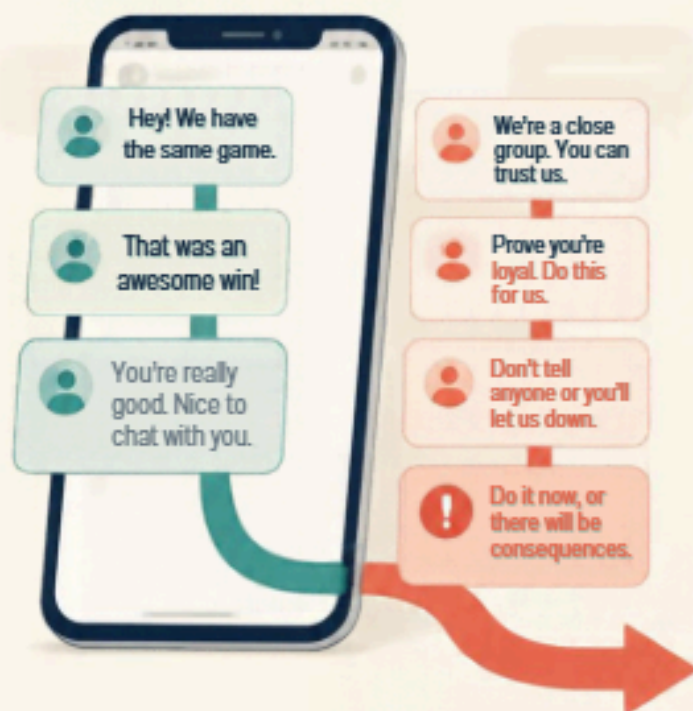
Please donate non-perishable foods.

Spotlight on Online Safety

ONLINE HARM GROUPS

Pressure → leave

Groups of people who use online spaces to manipulate, control, threaten or exploit others. They may operate through messaging apps, gaming communities, channels or servers.



HOW IT CAN START

 **Making contact:** shared interests, games or experiences; invitations to a channel or server.

 **Building trust:** frequent chats, compliments, emotional support or special attention.

Pressure → leave

You never have to stay in a chat, group or friendship where someone is pressuring you.



WARNING SIGNS OF PRESSURE

- Being rushed or dared; being made to feel guilty for saying no or leaving;
- threats or blackmail;
- being told to keep secrets;
- being pushed to do things that make you uncomfortable;
- repeated contact after you try to stop.



IF YOU ARE WORRIED

- ✓ Leave the chat or group.
- ✓ Avoid deleting evidence.
- ✓ Tell a trusted adult if you can.
- ✓ Report to police: 101, or 999 if there is immediate danger.
- ✓ Under 18s can contact the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre: ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/



If you have been pressured or harmed online, it is never your fault.

Did you know it is Biology Week? This is a week which celebrates the innovation in biology which helps support all life on Earth now and in the coming decades, it helps raise the profile of these achievements, and the important work that bioscientists are doing.

How are we celebrating Biology Week at HGS?

- Students have been participating in **Biology Spelling Bee**. Each year competed in their classes with the top speller entered into round 2 to compete against the top spellers in their year group. Their results have been entered into the national competition (against 257 other students), results are expected next week. The competition has created a buzzzz around biology.
- Biology activities** will take place across all year groups in science lessons including:
 - Memory games relating to bioscience careers
 - Interactive scientific quizzes
 - Fun experiments to try at home e.g. how do butterflies drink?
 - Online lectures
- The **BioCraft Competition** will be launched, can we reach the final for a second year running? Students will find out more in their science lessons. Closing date for entries is Friday 6 November.



If your parent/carer would like to give a talk to Year 10 to 13 students about their career in bioscience please do ask them to contact the school, as we would love to include some talks in our celebration of Biology week next year.



Last few tickets remaining



Golden Tickets



Golden Tickets

What can you buy?

Autumn purchases can be found opposite.

If you would like to buy:

- A bag of sweets at the Year 7 and 8 Halloween Disco
- An item from the Tuckshop

Please complete [this form](#) by 5pm on Wednesday 14 October.

The tuckshop will take place w/c 19 October, the exact date(s) will be confirmed next week.



Students can see their golden ticket balance in their web based arbor account, within the behaviour section.

USE THE RIGHT BIN!

Help us reduce waste by putting your rubbish in the correct recycling unit.



FOOD WASTE

**FOOD ONLY
NOTHING ELSE!**



- ✓ Fruit and vegetable scraps
- ✓ Leftover food
- ✓ Sandwiches and bread
- ✓ Cakes and snacks
- ✓ Other uneaten food

✗ NO packaging, wrappers, bottles, cans or cutlery.



MIXED RECYCLING

For clean, recyclable items:



- ✓ Plastic bottles
- ✓ Drinks cans
- ✓ Clean plastic containers
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Cardboard

Please empty containers before recycling them.



GENERAL WASTE

For items that cannot be recycled:



- ✓ Crisp and sweet wrappers
- ✓ Used tissues
- ✓ Contaminated packaging
- ✓ Other non-recyclable rubbish



RECYCLING **CANNOT** BE COMPLETED IF IT IS CONTAMINATED.

Please keep food waste, recycling and general waste separate and do not put the wrong items in each bin.



Click on the image above to access our sports fixture list

Cancelled Clubs next week:
Monday - Y7 Football & Y11 Netball
Wednesday - Y9 Netball
Thursday - Y8 Football & Y7 Netball

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.



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



Information for Year 11

Have you booked your place on the open evening for Sixth Form?

Come and look round the Sixth Form on Wednesday 21 October evening, to hear more about the range of courses that we offer, learn more about Sixth Form culture and meet current Sixth Form students.

Book your place via [this link](#).



Year 11 Support Website Page
Access via [this link](#)

Year 11 Revision Support Sessions - Science

To support Year 11 students in the build up to their mock examinations the Science faculty will be running revision sessions on Monday evening. These will take place in A16 and will run from 15:30 - 16:30. They will focus on the following areas:

Date	Subject	Topic
12 October 26	Chemistry	Structure and bonding exam skills
19 October 26	Physics	Electricity with a focus on I-V characteristics
2 November 26	Science	Exam Skills



Year 11 Mock Timetable - November 2026

The Year 11 mock timetable is now live on the website. Click on the link below to access.

[Year 11 Mock Timetable \(November 2026\)](#)

Year 11 NEA deadlines this term

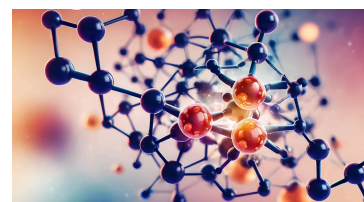
Friday 23 October - Music free choice composition
Monday 2 November - Food and Nutrition NEA1 coursework
Friday 6 November - DT (C - Generate Ideas)
Sunday 15 November - Level 2 BTEC Sport, Component 2
w/c 7 December - Drama Component 1 portfolio
w/c 14 December - GCSE PE coursework

If you need any help with your coursework, please talk to your class teacher as early as possible.

**Monday after school
3.30pm to 4.30pm**

**All sessions relevant for
all Year 11 students.**

Location: A16



Parent Information - Years 7 to 11



Parent Communications this week

Parent communications that have been sent this week:

- [Year 11 November Mock Timetable](#)
- [Year 10 Work Experience launch](#)
- [Year 7 to 11 Children's Commissioner survey](#)



Parent Guidance from the NHS and UK government - Is my child too ill for school?

The poster and animation provided below have been created by the NHS as helpful resources for parents and carers when their child is unwell.

Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Click on the image opposite to watch the animation.

