



Student Weekly News

w/c 19 October 2026

Trick or Treat Week

Can you find the trick or treat bags that are hidden around school?

Will it contain a trick or a treat?

Trick or treat bags will be hidden each day - good luck hunting.

Will you find the 'Trick or Treat Golden Ticket', queue jump passes, free cookie token or spooky sweets.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
Sat 17 Oct	PTA used uniform sale	10.30am to noon The Hub
Mon 19 Oct	Year 11 Science Revision - Physics - A16 - 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Year 11
Wed 21 Oct	Sixth Form Open Evening - Year 11 have you booked your <u>ticket?</u> session 1 - 4pm to 6pm session 2 - 6.30pm to 8.30pm	Year 11
Fri 23 Oct	Show Racism the Red Card Day - see below for more information	Years 7 to 11
	End of Autumn 1 Term - 3.30pm School reopens - Monday 2 November	Years 7 to 11
Mon 2 Nov	Start of Autumn 2 term.	Years 7 to 11



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD - FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER

'Show Racism the Red Card' is an anti-racism educational charity who work to challenge racism through empowering role models within communities, organisations, and sports, in order to dismantle racism in society.

To demonstrate our support and raise awareness, students in Years 7 to 11 are invited to wear their HGS PE top and/or HGS PE hoodie instead of the usual school shirt/blouse, tie, and/or blazer on Friday 23 October.

If you do not have a HGS PE hoodie, you may wear your HGS PE top in place of your school shirt/blouse and tie, but please remember to wear your blazer over your HGS PE top.

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 9	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 Period 4	10 7	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am Register in the Hall at noon

National Poetry Day Competition

Students in Years 7 and 8 attended a special English lesson on Thursday 1 October which focussed on National Poetry Day. Students composed their own poems by personifying an element of nature that they find wondrous and awe-inspiring. The poems were displayed on our Open Day. There was some fabulous writing.

Congratulations to all our winners and finalists. Our winners have been awarded a £10 gift voucher for Imagined Things. House points will be also be awarded.

Winners: Wren H (Year 7) and Alice S (Year 8)

Finalists: Ibby A, Isabelle A, Robyn B, James B, Afie C, Scarlet C, Phoebe C, Hannah E, Azka F, Lennon G, Zach G, Liam H, Isla K, Kelsie K, Betsy L, Amber L, Poppy L, Hector M, Jasper O, Archie O, Sophia P, Charlotte P, Leo P, Emily P, Alice P, Sophie S, Clara T and Chloe W



Kindness Week Poem Winner

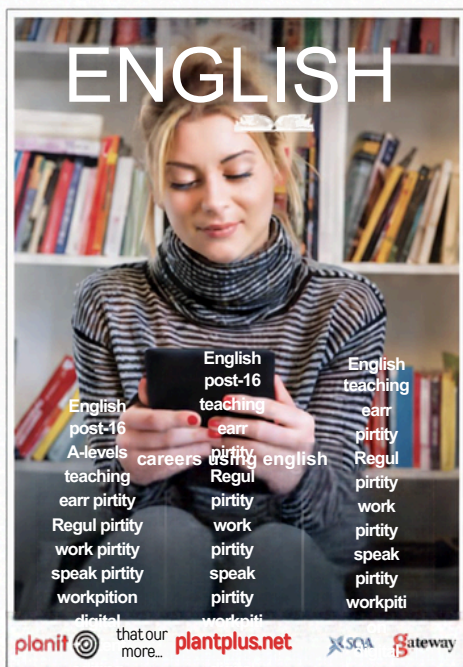
Congratulations to:
Willow P (Year 10) and Ewan B (Year 7)
our Kindness Week Poetry winner.
Golden Tickets have been added to your balance in Arbor.

Year 7 and 8

We hope you enjoy the Halloween Disco on Friday evening. We hear there are lots of spookacular things planned!



Focus on Careers - October



Each month we will focus on a different faculty and how these subjects link to education pathways and careers in different industries.

Careerpilot

This month, we focus on English.

PROSPECTS

Careerpilot- [Examples of jobs and apprenticeships - English](#)

[What can I do with an English degree?](#)



T Levels Week

19-23 October 2026

T Levels are post-16 technical qualifications taken after GCSEs as an alternative to A-levels, apprenticeships and other post-16 options.

T Levels are designed and backed by employers to give students the knowledge and skills businesses need and give them a head start in their careers.

T Levels are high quality - with longer teaching hours than most current technical qualifications. One T level is roughly equivalent in size to 3 A levels.

[Click here](#) for more information

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Year 10 Work Experience

Thank you to everyone who has already paid for their work experience. If your parent/carer has not yet had the opportunity to complete, please can you ask them to do so via:

- Pay the £22 admin fee via Parent Arbor App/Trips by Friday 23 October



Work Experience
Year 10

Further information will be provided to students and parents re consents and accessing the ConnectEd platform post half term.

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 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.

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

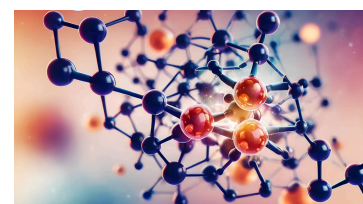
RED KITE LEARNING TRUST

Year 11 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 faculties will be running revision sessions:

Date	Time	Subject	Topic
Mon 19 Oct	A16 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Physics	Electricity with a focus on I-V characteristics
Mon 2 Nov	A16 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Science	Exam Skills



Life @HGS

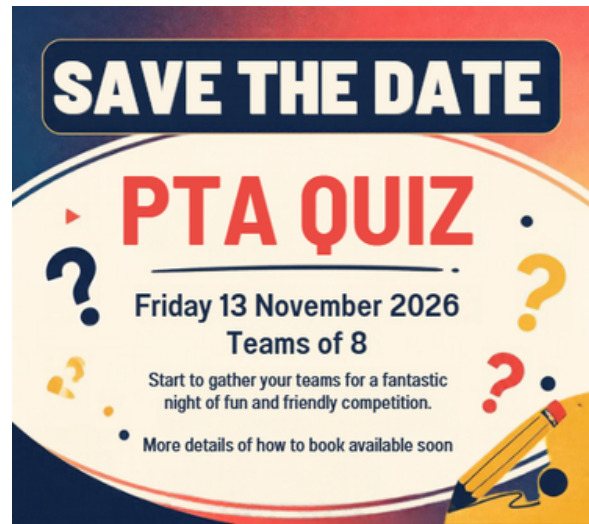


Rugby Weekend

A great block fixture of rugby against Woodhouse Grove School with the 1st XV, 2nd XV, U15's, U14's, U13's and U12's all playing. In total over 150 boys played rugby for the school across the Friday night and Saturday morning games. Thank you to our hosts Yarnbury Rugby Club and Harrogate Rugby Club, plus all of the supporters who came to cheer the teams on.

Well done to all the students who played.

Parent Information - Years 7 to 11



North Yorkshire School Transport - Consultation - message from North Yorkshire Council REMINDER: consultation ends on 4 November 2026 - for more information follow the link below

Have your say on proposed changes to North Yorkshire Council's Home to School Travel Policy.

Following a Post Implementation Review of the updated Home to School Travel policy introduced in 2024, North Yorkshire Council is inviting views on a number of recommended changes. The consultation is open now and runs until 4 November 2026.

The review found that the policy is largely working as intended, helping to create a fairer and more consistent approach to transport eligibility while remaining in line with national guidance and on track to deliver planned savings. It also identified areas where improvements could be made.

Executive member for education, learning and skills, Cllr Annabel Wilkinson, said:

- "We know that school travel arrangements are incredibly important to families and that the changes introduced in 2024 have affected some households more than others. "When the policy changed, we promised to review how it was working in practice and to listen to the experiences of families.
- We have carefully considered feedback from parents and carers, schools and other stakeholders, alongside appeals, complaints and operational data.
- "We would encourage people to take part as this is your opportunity to have your say and help us to shape the future of our home to school travel policy in North Yorkshire."

If any recommendations are approved, they would not take effect before September 2027 and will apply to children starting in Reception and Year 7 in September 2028. Families should continue to make school preference decisions based on the existing arrangements while this process is completed.

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Eligibility for free travel would continue to be based on a child's nearest suitable school with available places. The review does not propose a return to catchment-based transport eligibility.

Find out more about the review and take part in the consultation at www.northyorks.gov.uk/PIRsurvey.

Benedict's Law - Allergy Awareness

New statutory guidance, introduced through Benedict's Law, strengthens the requirements for schools to keep children with allergies safe, including having clear allergy policies, staff training and robust procedures for responding to allergic reactions.

Our updated [allergy_policy](#) can be found here.

Parent Communications this week

Parent communications that have been sent this week:

- [Year 10 DfE Bronze launch](#)



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.



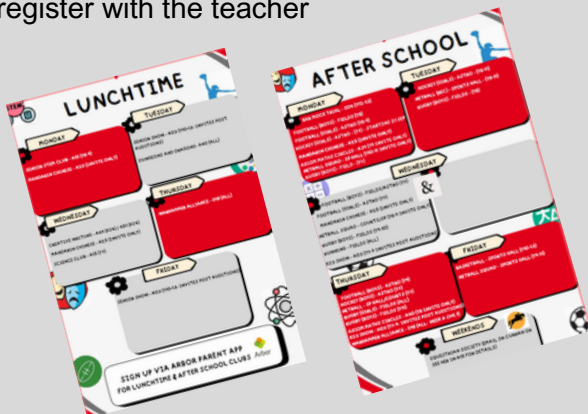
Extra-Curricular Clubs

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



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



New Clubs running from next week

Sparx Maths Home Learning
Tuesday lunchtimes in A13
Open to any students in Years 7 to 11

Sparx Maths