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Student Weekly News

w/c 9 November 2026

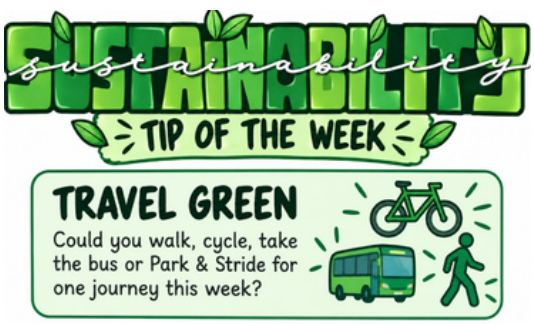
Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
w/c 9, 16, 23 Nov	Year 11 mocks	Year 11
Thu 19 Nov	Careers Fair 7pm to 8.30pm, Forum	All years
Fri 20 Nov	Car Free Friday	All years
Tue 24 and Wed 25 Nov	KS3 school production - purchase tickets here	All years
Fri 27 Nov	Staff training day - school closed for all students	All years

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







Remembrance at HGS



Poppy Appeal

Thank you to Sixth Form students who sold poppies during form time last week. All proceeds to the Royal British Legion. Poppies can still be purchased at main reception and Sixth Form reception.

One minute silence

On Wednesday 11 November, we will be observing Armistice Day.

The minute of silence will start at 10.49am.
A bell will ring for the silence at 10.49am and a second bell will ring at 10.50am at which point students should be dismissed for break.

Reading for Remembrance

Please click on this link for details of our recommended reads which this month all link to remembrance.

Remembrance Services in Harrogate

Sunday 9 November

- War memorial parade, service and wreath laying ceremony at Harrogate cenotaph - 10.30am
- Stonefall cemetary, parade, service and wreath laying - 1pm

Spotlight - Remembrance

Did you know?

Over 6 million men and women from the Commonwealth served alongside British forces in the Second World War, with over 1 million from European colonies in Africa. Many of these soldiers volunteered, but there were also many who were forced to fight against their will. Approximately 12,000 men and women from the Caribbean served in the Royal Air Force and 22 out of the 34 Victoria Crosses won in the Burma Campaign were won by soldiers of South Asian heritage.





The story of Noor Inayat-Khan is an insight into one person from the Commonwealth who made the ultimate sacrifice.

This Remembrance Day, we remember all those who have served their country to protect its democratic freedoms. We remember also the millions of people from the Commonwealth who have served in and alongside the British armed forces since the First World War, defending the freedoms and the ways of life we enjoy today.

Diwali



Why is Diwali celebrated?

Diwali is probably the most well-known and popular Hindu festival. The word ‘Diwali’ translates as ‘full of light’ and Diwali is known as the festival of lights because of this. The festival celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.



When is Diwali?

Diwali always falls some time between October and November, but the exact date varies each year as the Hindu calendar is based on the Moon. In 2026, Diwali is on Sunday 8 November.

How is Diwali celebrated?

For many people this five day festival honours Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth. Lamps are lit and windows and doors are left open to help Lakshmi find her way into people's homes. Colourful patterns called rangoli can be seen on the doorsteps of homes to welcome visitors and good fortune in the shape of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth. Other ways that Hindus celebrate the festival include:



- Spring-cleaning the home
- Wearing new clothes
- Exchanging gifts (often sweets and dried fruits) and preparing festive meals
- Decorating buildings with lights
- Huge fireworks displays

Careers in Focus - November

This month the focus is on careers in Maths and Computer Science.

Please click on the links below to see how these subjects link to education pathways and careers in different industries.

CareerPilot – Maths and Computer Science

Prospects – Maths and Computer Science







Information for Year 11

Key Dates

w/c 9 & 16 November	Year 11 mocks
Wed 11 Nov P6	English Literature drop in - A49 & A50
w/c 23 November	Art, Photography and PE mocks
Mon 7 Dec	Mock results shared with students
Tue 8 Dec	Year 11 Parents Evening (in school) - students to attend - 4-7pm
Wed 13 Jan	Sixth Form Taster Day
Sat 16 Jan	Sixth Form Open Afternoon
Fri 22 Jan	Deadline for Sixth Form applications - log in details emailed Fri 23 October

Year 11 Mocks - November 2026

All the best to Year 11 students who start their November mocks on Monday 9 November.

Your Year 11 mock timetable can be accessed via your Arbor calendar. An overview of the mock timetable is available via the link below.



Year 11 Mock Timetable (November 2026)

Year 11 Mock Exams required equipment



Year 11 Support Website Page
Access via this link

Year 11 NEA deadlines this term

w/c 30 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.

Masterclasses & Support Sessions

English Drop In Revision

All Year 11 students are invited to attend an English Literature drop in revision session on **Wednesday 11 November from 2.40pm to 3.30pm** in A49 and A50. Please do come along if you would like more support ahead of your English Literature mock on Friday 13 November.

Sixth Form Applications

Timeline

Friday 23 October - welcome email from Applica containing your login details (check your junk folder)
Friday 22 January - deadline to apply

How to apply

All applications via Applica, please select 'existing user' when logging in. Use your HGS email address as user name and the password contained in the welcome email (see above).

Any questions regarding logging in please contact Mrs Harriss via:- HarrissR@hgs.rklt.co.uk

Noticeboard



Year 7 - 'Boy 87' book return

We hope you all enjoyed reading 'Boy 87' over the summer and talking about the key themes during your English lessons.

Please return your copy of 'Boy 87' to your English teacher next week (w/c 9 November). As part of our commitment to sustainability, these books are reissued to our new ear 6 students during their transition days in July.

Sparks Reader support sessions - Year 10 and 11

Need help to complete your Sparx Reader home learning? Be the first to complete your home learning on the day it is set. If you are in Year 10 or 11, please come along to a Sparx Read support session which will take place in the LRC every Monday lunchtime, starting at 1.15pm.

Year 10 Work Experience



Thank you to everyone who has made payment via Arbor for their child to complete work experience in July. You should have received a link from the HGS Finance team to provide consent via Arbor. Please complete the consent by Friday 20 November.

What happens next?

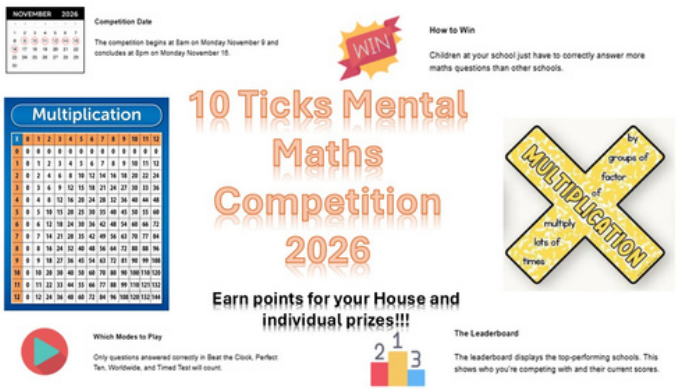
- Later this term, students participating in the work experience programme will receive an invitation (via email) to join the NYBEP Connect portal. Further details will be shared with students during a Big Picture lesson this term.

10 Ticks Mental Maths Competition - KS3

Next week, all KS3 students will participate in the annual 10 Ticks Mental Maths Competition.

Students will participate during their Maths lessons and can also complete tasks in their free time.

This is an inter-house competition and students can also win individual prizes.





HGS presents The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse Key Stage 3 Production

Tuesday 24 November 7pm & Wednesday 25 November 7pm

Tickets now on sale via this link

Tickets priced at £7 adult or £5 under 18/over 60

PE FIXTURES

PE fixtures can be found on the main website (at the bottom of the web page)

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.

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