

Harrogate Grammar Connect Newsletter March 2024

See our latest newsletter below, highlighting some of the most recent school news from the Spring Term.

Schools news

Association of School and College Leaders Conference

Neil Renton, Headteacher at Harrogate Grammar School, and Julie Wellacott, Director of HR at the Red Kite Learning Trust, led an interactive session at the Association of School and College Leaders conference last week. As Flexible Working Ambassador MAT and School (FWAM) project leads for the Yorkshire and Humberside Region, they spoke about flexible working and how it is fundamental to the success of our schools.



Chinese New Year

Thank you to Mr Stipetic, the Leeds Chinese Community School and Confucius Institute for a lovely and informative presentation to our Year 7s about Chinese New Year.



Houses of parliament visit



The Sixth Form Student Leadership Team travelled to London in January to visit Parliament. Thank you to Andrew Jones MP for guiding them around the Palace of Westminster and to Steve Barclay MP for speaking to them about his career and his experience as a minister.

Burns night

The PE department hosted a fantastic Burns Night dinner in February! Thank you to everyone who attended the event and to the PTA. Lots of money was raised to help provide new equipment and upgrade facilities. Click on the image below to see video footage from the night:



Alumni

Alumni Spotlight Interviews

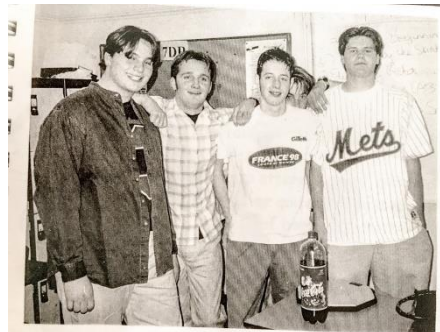
Thank you to all the volunteers for the recent spotlight interviews we have received. See an overview of our two latest interviews below:



Stuart Wright:

Time at HGS: 1997-1999

Job Title: Regional managing partner at Evelyn Partners (firm of accountants and tax advisors)



Gillian Hillier (nee Langford):

Time at HGS: 1982-1988

Job Title: Chief Executive of the Standards and Testing Agency (Government Agency responsible for the development of primary assessments)



Click on the link below to read their interviews and to access our full library of alumni spotlight interviews:

[Harrogate Grammar School - Red Kite Learning Trust - Spotlight Interviews](#)

If you would like to take part in our interview series please email hgsalumni@hgs.rklt.co.uk to find out more!

Forthcoming events



Spring Concert

Our Spring Concert is taking place on Thursday 21 March in the Main Hall at 7pm. This is a free event with donations on the door for the Susie Rymer Foundation. Click on the link below to book your place:

[HGS Spring Concert 2024 Tickets, Thu 21 Mar 2024 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Donate

Past students and parents have often asked if they can donate to the school as a way of giving something back. Whilst one of the aims of the alumni network is to facilitate the giving of inspiration and advice to our current students, we appreciate that this is not always possible. For some, monetary giving is an alternative way of contributing to the school. To find out more, or if you would like to donate, please click [here](#).

Thank you

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making our alumni community something to be very proud to be a part of. If you have any friends who attended Harrogate Grammar School, please direct them to the alumni section of our website (website below) where they can find details on our social media platforms (X, Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn) and can complete a joining form to give back to the HGS community.

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