

Student Weekly News

w/c 30 September 2024

Key Dates in September and October

Date/Time	Event	Year Group
w/c 30 September	National Poetry Day – events taking place all week	All years
Friday 4 October	Car Free Friday	All years
Friday 11 October	Year 7 and 8 Charity Halloween Party	7 and 8
Saturday 12 October	PTA second hand uniform sale – 10am to noon	All years
Wednesday 23 October	Sixth Form Open Evening – register here	Year 11
w/c 28 October	Half Term break	All years

Assemblies' w/c 30 September

Year Group	Date	Time	Location	Theme
7	Mon 30 Sept	8.50am	Please register in the Hall from 8.40am	Year 7 – Dare to challenge yourself Year 8 & 9 – Kindness challenge Year 10 & 11 – Making learning stick
11	Tue 1 Oct	8.50am		
10	Wed 2 Oct	8.50am		
9	Thu 3 Oct	8.50am		
8	Fri 4 Oct	8.50am	Please register in the Hall at the start of Period 4	Kindness Challenge
7		Noon		

Sports Fixtures w/c 30 September

Date	Sport	Age	Opposition	Home Away	Meet Time	Start Time	Return to HGS
Monday	Netball	U12ABC	Rossett	Home	3pm	3.30pm	4.30pm
	Football	U14 boys	Sherburn High	Home	<u>2.30pm</u>	<u>2.45pm</u>	3.45pm
	Football	U16 boys	Wetherby High	Away	3.30pm	4.15pm	5.45pm
Tuesday	Rugby	U13A, U14A, U15A	Woodhouse Grove	Away	2.35pm	4.15pm	6pm
	Tennis	Year 9	Queen Margaret's	Away	11am	11.30am	3pm
	Football	U18 boys	St Aidan's	Away	3.30pm	4pm	5pm from St Aidan's
Wednesday	Rugby	U16	Woodhouse Grove	Home	1.30pm	2.45pm	4pm
	Netball	U19 1 st	St Peter's School	Away	11.45am	1pm	7pm
	Netball	U19 3 rd /4 th	Woodhouse Grove	Home	1.45pm	2.30pm	4pm
	Football	U12 girls	Ryedale School	Home	2pm	2.30pm	3.30pm
Thursday	Football	U12 boys	Rossett	Away	2.45pm	3.15pm	TBC collect from Rossett
	Girls Rugby	U16	Yorkshire Festival cup @ Hill House Doncaster	Away	Tbc	Tbc	Tbc
	Football	U13 girls	St John Fisher	Home	3.30pm	4pm	5.30pm
	Netball	U15C	Gateways	Home	3pm	3.15pm	4.15pm
Friday	Girls Hockey	U14	Tournament @ Cundall Manor/Queen Mary's	Away	9am	10am	4pm
	Rugby	U19 1 st and 2 nd	Yarnbury	Away	4pm	5.30pm	TBC
	Netball	U15	Queen Ethelburga's	Away	1.30pm	2.45pm	4.45pm
	Football	U15 boys	Queen Ethelburga's	Away	1.30pm	2.45pm	4.45pm



Wellbeing and Mental Health Support

Please click [on this link](#) to access more information.

Main School
Social Accounts



Sixth Form
Social Accounts



Shelter in Place

We have no indication that there is any particular threat to our school or any other school, but we feel that it is important to respond to national advice by preparing thoroughly for events that could threaten the safety of our staff and students. Although such an event could be related to a terrorist event, it is also possible that events such as a gas leak or chemical escape could cause us to sound the bell. Shelter in place is a safety procedure that covers extreme hazards such as a smoke cloud, local chemical leak or an intruder on site.

A series of normal bells will signal shelter in place.


The bells will stop ringing when it is all clear.

During form this week, your form tutor will talk to you about the actions below that you should take in the unlikely event of hearing a series of normal bells.

During lessons:	During break or lunch:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must follow the instructions of your class teacher and remain in the classroom. If you are walking on a corridor, you must enter the nearest classroom and follow the instructions of the class teacher. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must quickly and calmly enter the school and go to the next lesson on your timetable. You must follow the instruction of your class teacher.

Kindness Week w/c 30 September

Next week is Kindness week at HGS. We are encouraging all members of the HGS community to 'pay forward' their kindness by trying to do at least three kind acts a day, in the hope that this will lead to further kind acts and a kinder school environment. This links to the respect pledge signed by students at the start of the year, as we are highlighting ways students can be kind to themselves, each other and the environment. This will be promoted through assemblies, tutor time activities, activities in lessons and a focus on the Respectful positives in lessons.


	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 <p>HARROGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL EXCELLENCE FOR ALL</p> <p>KINDNESS WEEK</p>	Be KIND to yourself	Be KIND to others	Be KIND to the school	Be KIND to teachers	Be KIND to your community	Be KIND to your family	Be KIND to the environment
	Spend at least 10 minutes doing something you love	Give a compliment to a new person	Pick up any litter you see after break or lunchtime	Tell your teacher how much you appreciate them	Donate a can of food	Leave a note- Tell them how much they mean to you	Go for a walk and pick up rubbish
	Compliment yourself	Stand up for someone if others are being mean	Hold the door open for someone	Say thank you to every one of your teachers	Pick a few toys/clothes to donate to charity	Give an older relative a call	Drink from a reusable water bottle
	Try not to compare yourself to others	Ask someone new if they want to play/join you at lunch	Smile at everyone you pass by	Write a thank you letter	Walk to school rather than get the bus/a lift	Help with the chores	Turn off lights when you leave a room

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National Poetry Day

It is National Poetry Day on Thursday 3 October. To celebrate, HGS have a number of activities planned.

Please do get involved.



NATIONAL POETRY DAY
3 OCTOBER 2024

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- 2** Poets are encouraged to enter into a whole school competition. All years can enter this. The poem can be any length, rhyme or no rhyme, it just needs to link to the counting theme. Deadline for submissions is Friday 4th October. First, second and third prizes will be awarded before half term.
- 3** On Friday 4th October, a poet is visiting the school and year 7 and 8 will attend an assembly in the morning during p1 and 2. Apologies in advance for disruption to lessons that morning.
- 4** During p 3 and p4, the poet will run a writing workshop with our young writers. There are 30 places available. Those who attend creative writing club will be invited first. If you are keen to attend, please contact Ms Watson to see if this is possible:
watsonm@hgsrkit.co.uk



Car Free Fridays – Dates for your diary

Friday 4 October is the first Car Free Friday for this academic year.

Get active whilst helping combat climate change.

By choosing a more sustainable form of transport, you can do your bit to help protect our communities and our planet by tackling climate change. Even if you live too far from school to walk or cycle all the way, you could use another option like taking the school bus, catching public transport or 'Park and stride' – this is where you are dropped off further from school and walk the final section to school. All these options means fewer vehicles on the road, and helps lower our carbon footprint. House points will be awarded.

Choose a sustainable method of transport and make every mile count.

Future Car Free Friday Dates

22 November, 7 February, 28 March, 23 May, 27 June

The School Charity this year will be....

This year the chosen charity for HGS is Harrogate Mind. Mind in Harrogate exists to provide a quality community-based service accessible to those who need support with their mental health and wellbeing. Some of their programmes are designed to work preventatively, some enhance recovery, and others improve the quality of life for people with complex needs. They are currently working on launching a children and young persons mental health service. They are actively fundraising for this new venture, so, this is a great time to get involved as a school.



Year 11 Students – Sixth Form Open Evening – Wednesday 23 October



Year 11 students and their parents are invited to attend the Sixth Form Open Evening. An opportunity to hear about the wide range of courses on offer from subject specialists, get an insight into our thriving culture and meet Sixth Form students.

The evening will be split into two identical sessions (please only book onto one session as we expect demand for tickets to be high):

Session 1 – 4pm to 6pm

Session 2 – 6.30pm to 8.30pm

[Click here](#) to book your place.

Food and Nutrition Lessons – some reminders

We have been so impressed with the start that you have all made in your Food and Nutrition lessons. Please see some reminders for your practical lessons.

Please remember to:

- Bring a container to take your food home
- Bring an apron in for your food and nutrition practical lessons. Please speak to your lesson teacher if you are unable to bring in an apron. Negative Class Chart points will be issued if you do not bring an apron in for your practical lessons.
- Weigh out ingredients in advance, this will speed up the start of your lesson.
- Remember, no jewellery should be worn in your practical lessons. Be organised and leave at home on these days.

Wet Lunch locations

Year Group	Location
7	Classrooms A17 to A23
8	Hall
9	Gym 2
10	Sports Hall
11	Atrium and A13 plus A14

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities



We are delighted to see so many of you already signed up for an extra-curricular club.

If you still need to sign up – [click here](#) to view the clubs on offer. Your parents can sign up via the Arbor Parent app by clicking on Clubs.



Food Bank Donation Dates
Ventus – w/c 14 October
Terra – w/c 9 December
Aqua – w/c 3 February
Ignis – w/c 24 March
Everyone – w/c 7 July

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YEAR 7 AND 8 CHARITY HALLOWEEN PARTY 2024!

Friday 11 October 7.00pm-9.30pm
 The Forum
 A night of fun, games, dancing, sweets and all things spooky!!
 Tickets: £5
 Spooky Fancy Dress is optional but encouraged!
[Sign up to Register interest](#)
 Tickets available until Monday 7 October
 Any questions, please ask Miss Gee



RESPECT: SPREAD KINDNESS BY SHOWING RESPECT

Design a poster about kindness that inspires people to show respect for themselves, each other and/or the wider world.

Respect means treating other people the way you'd want to be treated yourself. Even when people are different to you, it's important to respect their rights.

Kindness Challenge- Please hand or email your entry to Miss Gee by Friday 4 October.

Kindness is so important, and we need to see more of it!

House Challenge

Kindness can make us feel really positive about ourselves. The smallest compliment can change someone's day and mood straight away! Just like our REACH values show, respect is fundamental in building strong positive and kind relationships.

We are challenging you to create a poster, or a video/blog that explains: how an act of kindness made you feel, what kindness looks like and how we can become more kind!

You could complete this individually, with friends or teachers. All entries will win house points and the top 3 will earn more.

If we all show kindness the world will be a better place!

