



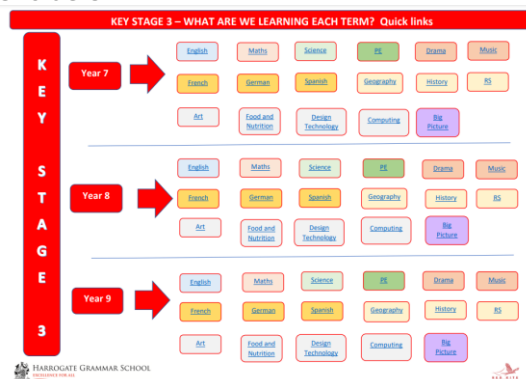
## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Activity	Year Groups
Monday 15/Tuesday 16 April	GCSE Photography exam – Year 11 students	Year 11
Friday 19 April	Whole School Photograph	All year groups
Sat/Sun 20/21 April	DofE Bronze cohort 1 Practice Expedition	Year 10
Saturday 20 April	PTA used uniform sale 10am to noon, in the Hub	All years
Monday 22/Tuesday 23 April	GCSE Art exam – Year 11 students	Year 11
Monday to Wednesday 22-25 April	A Level Photography exam – Year 13 students	Year 13
Tuesday 23 April	Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening	Year 7
Thursday to Monday 25-29 April	A Level Graphics exam – Year 13 students	Year 13
w/c 22 and 29 April	GCSE speaking exam – Year 11 students	Year 11
Tues to Thu – 30 April to 2 May	A Level Art exam – Year 13 students	Year 13
Sat/Sun 27/28 April	DofE Bronze cohort 1 Final Expedition	Year 10
Monday 6 May	May bank holiday – school closed	All years

## Termly Curriculum Overviews

Please use the links below to access an overview of what your child is learning in each subject area, each half term. Students have access to this information in their subject Showbie folders.  
Please click on the links below:

<b>KS3</b>	<a href="#">Years 7, 8 and 9</a>
<b>KS4</b>	<a href="#">Years 10 and 11</a>
<b>KS5</b>	<a href="#">Year 12</a> <a href="#">Year 13</a>



## Information for Year 11 Students

### Saturday Revision Sessions – sessions to take place in Summer Term

Following the successful Saturday revision sessions in school this term, we are pleased to provide four more dates. These sessions will take place in G2, in the Sixth Form on Saturdays 13, 20, 27 April and 4 May. The sessions will take place from 10am to 1pm.

If you would like your child to attend one or more of these sessions you can **book a place** via Arbor and click on [Clubs](#). Places will be booked on a first come first served basis.

These independent study sessions are an opportunity for students to bring their own study material into school to a quiet area where they can focus for 3 hours with no distractions.

## Year 11 GCSE Masterclasses for Summer 1 term

We are pleased to provide details of the masterclasses available to Year 11 students for the Summer term. As with previous masterclasses these will be delivered by MS Teams. Students will receive an email invitation. The session will be recorded so students can access at a later date/time.

Date	Time	Subject	Topic
Mon 8 April	5pm to 6pm	Maths Higher	Geometry
Wed 10 April	5pm to 6pm	Maths Foundation	
Thu 11 April	4pm to 4.40pm	English Literature	Paper 2
Mon 15 April	5pm to 6pm	Maths Higher	Graphs
Wed 17 April	5pm to 6pm	Maths Foundation	
Thu 18 April	4pm to 4.40pm	English Language	Paper 2
Thu 18 April	7.45pm to 8.45pm	Science	Electricity – Paper 1
Mon 22 April	5pm to 6pm	Maths Higher	Data and Probability
Wed 24 April	5pm to 6pm	Maths Foundation	
Thu 25 April	4pm to 4.40pm	English Literature	Paper 2 Unseen Poetry Comparison
Mon 29 April	5pm to 6pm	Maths Higher	Algebraic Manipulation
Wed 1 May	5pm to 6pm	Maths Foundation	
Tue 7 May	4pm to 4.40pm	English Literature	Paper 2 Unseen Poetry Comparison
Tue 7 May	5pm to 6pm	Maths Higher	Formulae
Wed 8 May	5pm to 6pm	Maths Foundation	
Mon 13 May	5pm to 6pm	Maths Higher	Non-calculator skills for Paper 1 on Thursday
Wed 15 May	5pm to 6pm	Maths Foundation	
Wed 22 May	4pm to 4.40pm	English Language	Paper 1

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## Summer Exam Timetable (GCSE/A Level)

Please click on the link below to access a copy of the Summer Exam timetables for GCSE and A Level.

➤ [Summer Exam Timetables 2024](#)

**Please note there are two contingency afternoons and a contingency day.** All students taking GCSE and A Level examination must **plan to be available on these dates** in case of any disruption to examinations.

## Staffed Study Area after school (Year 11)

A reminder that G2 is open until 5pm Monday to Friday if students would like to utilise this space for study after school.

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## Information for Years 7 to 13

### Recommended Reading

The theme for the April recommended reads is 'Myths Retold'.

Please click on the link below to discover our recommended mythical reads.
















You can also download all our previous recommended reading lists from this link.

- [April recommended reads – Myths Retold](#)
- [Previous recommended reads](#)



### Languages - Word a Day

Help your children learn 'Word a Day'! **Weeks 27 and 28**

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
				
				
				

### Enrichment and Extra-Curricular Activities

- **Whole School Timetable** – [click here](#) and [programme here](#)
- **Music extra-curricular timetable** – [click here](#)
- **PE Summer Term timetable** – [click here](#)

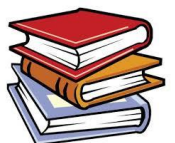
**\*\*PE Summer Term timetable\*\*** – [click here](#)

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for an extra-curricular activity in the Summer Term.

There is still time to book a place on the PE extra-curricular activities for the Summer Term. If you would like your child to attend any of these clubs please sign up via Arbor Parent App and click on [Clubs](#).

### Learning Resource Centre

The LRC will be open from 8am to 8:40am and after school until 5pm each day if your child would like to use the library before or after school.



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# Sports Fixtures

## Sports Events w/c 15 April 2024

Day	Sport	Opposition	Age	Home/Away	Meet	Start	Return HGS
Mon 15 April	Girls Football	Cardinal Heenan	U13	Away	TBC		
Tues 16 April	Boys Football	Queen Ethelburga's	U16	Away	2.15pm	4pm	6pm
	Basketball	Bootham	U18	Away	2.15pm	4pm	6pm
Wed 17 April	Girls Football (National Cup)	Clitheroe Grammar School	U13	@Rossett School	12.00	1pm	2.30pm
	Boys Football	Rossett	U12	Away	1.30pm	2.15pm	3.30pm
Thu 18 April	Rugby	Durham Touring team	U15	Home	9.30am	10.30am	12.00
	Boys cricket	St Peter's	U12 U13	Away	12.45pm	2pm	5pm
	Girls cricket	St Peter's	U12AB	Away	12.45pm	2pm	5pm
Fri 19 April	Rugby Yorkshire cup final	Ripon Grammar	1 <sup>st</sup> XV	Away	4pm	6pm	8.30pm

Follow the PE twitter page for up to date information regarding sports fixtures: [HGS Physical Education](#)



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# Vacancies

## HGS Vacancies

[Teacher of English](#), closing date Thursday 18 April

[Learning Mentor - Sixth Form](#), closing date Friday 19 April

[Attendance Administrator](#), closing date Friday 19 April

[Catering Operations Assistant](#), closing date Friday 26 April

## RKLT Vacancies

Current vacancies within Red Kite Learning Trust can be [found here](#).

# PTA Events

## PTA Used Uniform Sale – Saturday 20 April 10am to noon

The next PTA used uniform sale will take place on Saturday 20 April from 10am to noon. The sale will take place inside the Hub (access via the main car park). Payment can be made via contactless on the day.

If you have any unwanted uniform, please bring into the main reception.



# Well-Being, Mental Health and e-Safety

If you or your child require support, please access contact details for organisations that offer support to children and young people by clicking this link: <https://www.harrogategrammar.co.uk/our-school/wellbeing-and-mental-health/>

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# Life @HGS

Year 10 and 11 had a fabulous **ski trip to La Plagne**, lots of memories made and ski badges earned.



Our A level **History and Politics** students visited Paris and London recently.

In Paris, they enjoyed taking in all the sights including the Hotel des Invalides to see the tomb of Napoleon Bonaparte, the Louvre, Jardin des Tuileries and the Champ de Mars.



Well done to all the students who took part in **the MathWorks Math Modelling Challenge (M3 Challenge)**, an amazing result as your solution has been selected for an honourable mention award.



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## Spotlight: GCSE and A Level Exam preparation

Good luck to all our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they approach their GCSE and A Level examination. Use the summary below to help you prepare.

### Exam Preparation:

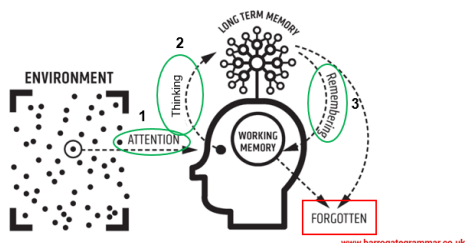
- Use mock exams, CATs, revision guides and exam specifications to **identify the topics** you need to focus on – select the topics you are less confident with.
- Produce a **revision plan** – allocate time to different subjects. Share with your family, stick it on the fridge where it can be seen!
- When you sit down to revise, pay attention to one task only. **Remove distractions** from your workspace – place your mobile phone in a different room, turn off notifications on your iPad and no background music. Make revision as close to the conditions you will experience in an examination.
- Use the steps below to help memory retrieval and self-testing.
- Remember to **schedule a break**. Research shows that 1 hour on any one task is the limit. Any more than this with no break produces much less gain. Step away from your work station between tasks. Stay hydrated and eat well.
- **Exercise** is an excellent way to relax and take a break from revision. Plan in times to exercise every week.
- **Sleep** is an essential part of securing knowledge and developing connections to what you already know in your long-term memory. Ensure you finish studying in plenty of time to relax before you go to bed. Don't stay up late, this will limit the work you have completed that day and make the next day less productive.

### Memory Retrieval

- Use a blank sheet of paper, jot down everything you can think of that is relevant to a topic area.
- Organise the information in any way which is best for you e.g. mind map, spider diagram, list
- Revisit this topic using information in showbie, exercise book, revision guide
- Add additional information from these resources in a different colour

### Self-Tests

- Create flashcards or quizlet to test yourself – this is ideal for learning definitions, answering 1 or 2 point questions
- Ask a friend or family member to test you
- Use other online resources recommended by your teachers e.g. Seneca, Educake, Sparx Maths



### Preparing a Revision Plan

**Realistic** – plan in study time you know you can stick to. Don't forget to add in fun things to your calendar. Make realistic goals – these are essential in creating a platform for success.

**Organisation** – break up time into chunks and allocate different subjects / topics to each time slot. Space out study of one subject, so you revisit knowledge over a period of days or weeks. Your plan can be more detailed as each day approaches. Use mock exams, CATs, revision guides and exam specifications to inform topic areas. Allocate more time for the areas you feel less confident.

**Accountability** – hold yourself accountable, this can help you achieve your goals. Have high expectations, stick to your plan and don't make excuses. Be flexible, you may need to revisit some topic areas more than others. It is important to recognise that you may need to adapt your revision plan.

**Discipline** – be self-disciplined and stick to your revision timetable. Remember to add in revision sessions taking place in school including the Year 11 Saturday independent study sessions.

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