



Introduction

We believe that the enrichment programme is an integral part of the education that our students experience and that it is taking part in these activities outside the classroom that allows them to become confident and resilient young adults, ready to take on future challenges. All of the activities add value, enrich knowledge and tap into unknown potential - equipping students with the skills and values needed to meet the challenges of a changing society and to provide the best possible educational foundation for life. We very much see these wider enrichment activities as part of our core purpose of delivering excellence for all.

At HGS we have three areas of focus Trips and Visits, Wider Curriculum Clubs and Learning for students to engage and participate in.

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Mr Neil Renton

Headteacher



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Enrichment Programme

Trips and Visits

Cultural enrichment activities are designed to broaden, expose, and provide opportunities to enhance a student’s learning experience. These activities include trips such as plays, university visits, and foreign exchanges to France, Germany or Spain.

Other activities and clubs are community-related and help students to understand their impact on their world and the importance of helping others, while giving them a real sense of achievement.

Wider Curriculum Clubs

These are activities that students choose to do to extend their academic pursuits, demonstrating motivation, breadth of experience and wide-ranging interests. Examples include:

- Art
- Music
- Languages
- Performing Arts
- Sport

Learning: Catch Up and Leadership

Teaching and Learning enrichment opportunities allow students to proactively extend their learning in preparation for the world of work through leadership opportunities. Students can develop skills in communication, teamworking, and timekeeping through taking on leadership roles, or the Duke of Edinburgh programme. There are also opportunities to further embed their classroom learning through GCSE and A Level revision sessions across a broad range of subjects.



Years 7, 8 & 9



Years 10 & 11



Years 12 & 13



Fee payable - e.g. School trip or external sports coach

How do I choose?

Fortunately, you really cannot go wrong when it comes to choosing an enrichment activity. If you try something and it does not seem to be the right fit, you can always try a different one. What is important is getting out there and exploring the possibilities. By doing so, you are developing confidence and skills, and exposing your brain to new experiences.

We would like you to choose at least one activity. This will give you the best opportunity to develop new skills.

Click on the link [Extra-curricular Activities 2024-2025](#) to view the current timetable..

Where can I sign up?

At the start of the Autumn term, the Enrichment Timetable will be available on our website and within the student bulletin and half termly parent newsletter, HGS News. You can go along to your chosen activities, if you are starting an activity part way through the year, please talk to the member of staff in charge, who will let you know if there is space available.

My Choices

As you browse through this Enrichment Programme, jot down any of the opportunities that interest you in the table below. If you are struggling to decide between lots of options or do not know what would suit you best, discuss your choices with your parent/carer or form tutor.

Club	Day	Time

Trips and Visits

We recognise the enormous benefit to students of educational visits. Every year hundreds of students at HGS benefit from the experience of off-site visits. Students have the opportunity to be challenged intellectually, physically, socially, morally and culturally.

Apprenticeship University Visit

In the Autumn term Year 12 students have the opportunity to attend a university or apprenticeship visit.

Biology Trip (Year 12)

Enthusiastic Year 12 biologists have the opportunity to visit the Cranedale Centre, near Malton, to experience three days of ecology and fieldwork. Their investigations are designed to complement the AQA Biology specification and activities include fresh water sampling, the effect of desiccation on a rocky sea shore and using techniques to estimate the size of a motile population.

Business Studies Disneyland Trip (Year 12)

As part of their studies, Year 12 students are invited to a Business seminar and to attend a Business workshop where they will be focussing on developing the marketing mix for a mystery Disney product. They will then have some free time in the afternoon to spend in the park

Conover Hall Residential (Football Year 7 boys)

The weekend consists of a two-day football tournament, indoor and outdoor team building activities such as rock climbing, high ropes and archery, followed by an evening of fun and games.

Conover Hall Residential (Football Year 8-9 girls)

The weekend consists of a two-day football tournament, indoor and outdoor team building activities such as rock climbing, high ropes and archery, followed by an evening of fun and games.

Conover Hall Residential (Netball)

To celebrate the commitment of our newest netball recruits, every year we run a residential weekend to Conover Hall, Shrewsbury. The weekend consists of a two-day netball tournament, indoor and outdoor teambuilding activities such as rock climbing, high ropes and archery, followed by an evening of fun games and a “fancy dress” disco.



Trips and Visits

Performing Arts

This trip is for Year 11 students studying Performing Arts at post 16 and Year 12 students. The students are given the opportunity to visit the Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre for a backstage tour, spend time exploring cultural experiences in London such as street performers of Covent Garden and see the award winning West End musical, Hamilton.

Religious Studies

The students will visit the Jamyang Buddhist Centre in Leeds, which is offering a bespoke experience, tailored to the topics on our A Level syllabus. The visit will include a tour of the Buddhist Centre, a question-and-answer session with practising Buddhists, and an opportunity to try meditation.

Rugby Tour - Rosslyn Park Tournament

The Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens is the world's largest school rugby tournament with over 10,000 boys and girls aged 11 - 18 competing annually. The HGS U18's sevens team enter the cup competition that takes place over two days in London.



GCSE Science Live

This is a day trip to listen to cutting edge sciences talk about work which is relevant to the students studying GCSE triple science specification.

Ski Trip

An annual trip to a ski resort in Europe. This trip usually lasts one week during the February half term or Easter half term holidays. Beginners and more advanced skiers are all welcome.

Theatre Trips

Students are given the opportunity to see several pieces of theatre each year. We ensure that this is high quality theatre and exposes them to current productions and also the classics. By watching, they are inspired to add professional practice to their own work. It also supports the delivery of the written exam for GCSE and A Level. There will be opportunities to work with visiting professionals so that students can experience a range of workshops and practical activities.

End of Year Trips

There are several end of year day trips for Years 7 to 10 to go to Bradford for ice skating and a visit to the cinema or an opportunity to go to Flamingo Land which also includes Year 12 students.

Trips and Visits

French Exchange



We offer biennial, week-long exchange programmes to our partner school in Armentières (France)

Students benefit from a full week of immersion into the language and culture. They attend school with their exchange partners, explore local places of interest and spend valuable time with their host family, learning about the typical way of life and honing their language skills by dealing with real-life situations in the foreign language.



Geography—Sustainability (Year 8)



Students will learn about ecosystems and sustainability as part of their studies in Year 8. This trip to The Deep in Hull will provide an excellent opportunity for students to extend their knowledge. Students will participate in workshops on plastics in our oceans and the effect it has on people and wildlife, linking with the school's focus on sustainability.

Geography Field Trips



It is a requirement of the GCSE Geography course that students engage in fieldwork. Students will take part in two days' worth of fieldwork by visiting Malham and Leeds City centre. This is a really exciting opportunity which allows students to bring their learning in the classroom to life!



Geography Trip (Year 12)



The Geography department is excited to be able to offer a fantastic opportunity for our Year 12 A Level students to visit several geographical sites in Iceland. The sites chosen will enrich and enhance students' understanding of the human environment and physical processes, and the interactions between them.



MFL Trips (Years 7-11)



The aim of the visit is both cultural and for the language. Our trip will include a variety of activities giving students the opportunity to experience culture whilst also improving their language skills.

2025 trips will include:

- Years 7 and 8 MFL trip to Valencia in Spain and the Rhineland in Germany
- Year 10 and 11 Humanities/MFL trip to Munich

History Trip (Year 7-8)



This is a four-day residential trip to the Ypres Salient in Belgium. During the trip, students will visit cemeteries, museums, battlefields and key sites of the First World War as well as the grave of an HGS student awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery during the war. Students will have free time in the town of Ypres before crossing back to the UK on an overnight ferry. This rewarding trip allows Year 8 students to consolidate their learning on the First World War and explore the impact that this conflict had on Europe.



History Trip (Year 10)



Year 10 historians will visit Durham Cathedral as part of their work on Norman England. Students will tour the cathedral to gain a deeper understanding of its significance in the Norman Conquest of England and how it fits into Norman reforms to the Church.

History Trip (Year 11)



Year 11 historians visit the Thackray Medical Museum in Leeds for a revision day enriching their understanding of the study of medicine through time, with a particular focus on the industrial and modern periods, through the artefacts held by the museum.

Humanities Trip (Year 7)



Year 7 students will visit York in a trip that compliments areas of the curriculum that have been studied through the year and helps in their studies in forthcoming academic years. This trip includes undertaking fieldwork related to their study of flooding in Geography; a visit to Clifford's Tower to consolidate their work on the Middle Ages in History and a tour of York Minster, allowing students to apply their knowledge of Christianity from RS to the magnificent Minster.



Humanities Trip to Iceland (Year 12)



Year 12 Geographers have the opportunity to visit several geographical sites in Iceland. The sites chosen will enrich and enhance student understanding of the human environment, physical processes and the interactions between them. During the A-Level course, students will study the topic of Tectonic Hazards and the landforms associated with them. This trip provides students with the opportunity to see these in real life.

Outward Bound Trip (Year 9)



Year 9 students are offered the opportunity to take part in an optional outdoor residential trip. This experience is a chance to mark the end of Key Stage 3, to act as preparation for Key Stage 4 and to live out one of our core values "Adventure". The students will take part in the Outward Bound's Adventure and Challenge programme. Challenges include gorge scrambling, rock climbing, mountain walking, canoeing, raft building and cutter sailing. All are fun, adventurous and help to build confidence and develop friendships.



Wider Curriculum Clubs

Art Club

Years 7-9

Years 7-9 are welcome to attend, to work on traditional or digital art pieces. For all abilities.



Athletics Club - Summer

Years 7-13

Badminton - Summer

Years 7-13



Basketball - Autumn/Spring/Summer

Years 11-13

Skills focused sessions for GCSE students and competitive players. Students will develop their understanding of the game and acquire new skills.



Boys' Choir

Years 7-13

A boys' choir for all boys run by our fab singing teacher, Mr Matthews.

Boys' Football Autumn/Spring

Years 7-9

Students will develop their footballing skills and knowledge through fun practices and conditioned games. Teams are entered into cup competitions each year, in addition to local tournaments.



Wider Curriculum Clubs

Chess Club

Years 7-11

Step into the strategic battleground of HGS chess, where every move is a calculation and every game a test of skill. Are you ready to outmaneuver your opponents and claim checkmate mastery? Students can come and improve their chess skills, eat their lunch and hang out with their friends with a game of chess on the go.

Creative Writing Club

Years 7-13

A relaxed space to enjoy reading and writing. We try our hand at everything from short stories to poetry, to reviews of films and TV. We also enter national competitions, with the opportunity to win prizes for students and the whole school. Students can bring any writing they do in their spare time to share with the class. Not running if wet lunch.



Cricket Club—Summer Term

Boys, Years 7-10

Girls, Years 7-10

Boys cricket is usually held at Harrogate Cricket Club and girls cricket at school.



Drama Clubs

Years 9-13

Annually praised for its high quality, the school production is the opportunity for all students to have a professional theatre experience including purpose built sets, personally designed costumes/make-up/hair and photo shoots that cover the journey and the final production.



Dungeons and Dragons Club

Years 7-13

Are you looking for a group or space to play Dungeons and Dragons? Come and join us to experience an adventure.

Wider Curriculum Clubs

Equestrian Society



Weekends

We have an active and highly successful equestrian society. Students with their own horse/pony compete in dressage, show jumping, arena eventing and one day eventing at local and national level. We have taken teams to the main national, plate and regional grassroots every year since we started the club. Come and speak or email [Dr Curran](#) in A15 if you want to know more.



Girls' Football - Autumn/Spring



Years 7-9

Students will develop their footballing skills and knowledge through fun practices and conditioned games. Teams are entered into cup competitions each year, in addition to local tournaments.



Gym/Cross Fit - Autumn/Spring



Years 10-11

This is an opportunity for students to improve their fitness levels and concentrate on techniques to tone and condition their bodies.

Globe Trotters



Years 7-9

Week B only - Come along to discover more about the different countries of the world! Each week we will delve into a different country and explore what it has to offer!



Wider Curriculum Clubs

Hockey - Autumn/Spring



Year 7-9

Students will develop their hockey skills and knowledge through fun practices and conditioned games. Teams are entered into Area and In2Hockey tournaments. All levels of ability and experience are welcome to attend.

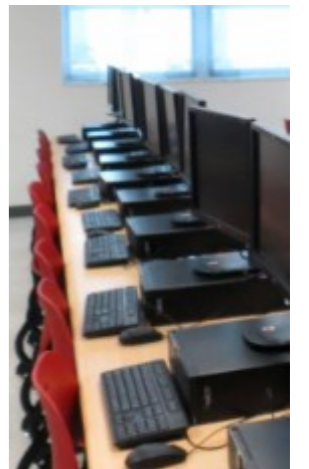


ICT Club



Year 7

If you would like to learn how to do a few fun things on Word/PowerPoint/Excel in a relaxed and friendly club, please join us. Places are limited so please email [Ms Townsend](#) to book.



Jazz Band



Years 7-13 (Grade 4 Standard)

Jazz Band is for all students interested in jazz. Grade 4 standard and above.



In Harmony



Years 7-13 (Grade 5 plus singers)

Close vocal harmony group for grade 5 plus singers.

Junior Choir



Years 7-9

Junior Choir is for all students in Years 7-9. Come and join in this fun choir, which sings karaoke, musicals, pop, rock, gospel and much more! Led by Mrs Hinkins.



Wider Curriculum Clubs

Junior Orchestra

KS 3

Years 7-9

This is an ensemble for students who play woodwind, brass, strings or percussion. Grade 2-4 standard. Led by Mrs Hinkins.

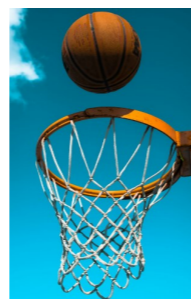
Learning Support Basketball Club

KS 3

KS 4

Years 7-11 (invite only)

This club is run by a member of the Learning Support Team. It is a fantastic opportunity for students interested in Basketball.



Lego Club

KS 3

Year 7



Mandarin Chinese

KS 3

KS 4

Years 8-11 (invite only)

We're delighted to be able to offer the opportunity to study Mandarin Chinese.

With China's profile rapidly growing on the world stage and UK businesses forming more and more links with China, the need to learn Mandarin Chinese (the world's most spoken language) is ever increasing. Aside from this, it is an incredibly interesting language to learn and Chinese culture is fascinating. All students from Year 8 onwards have the opportunity to study Mandarin Chinese either at lunchtime or after school and we cater for all ability of learners, from complete beginners. We follow a curriculum designed to help them with building language from basic sentence structures and topics to skills that would allow them to cope with would-be typical day-to-day interactions in the Chinese-speaking world. Students learn both through Pinyin, as well as with characters, and those who pursue their studies can go on to achieve YCT, HSK, GCSE and even A Level qualifications, as well as benefiting from the cultural enrichment provided both through the lessons and the events that we offer, such as the annual Chinese New Year celebrations and a Chinese culture-focussed Big Picture Day. Please email Mr Stipetic to book a place.



Wider Curriculum Clubs

Maths Sparx Homework Club

KS 3

KS 4

Years 7-11

Please drop if you are struggling to log in, access homework or complete homework on your new Sparx account.

Sparx Maths

Music Theatre Club

KS 3

KS 4

Years 9-13

Netball - Autumn/Spring/Summer

KS 3

KS 4

Years 7-11 (Squad only by invite)

Years 7-11 - Recreational

Students will attend trials to be selected for squad netball training. Students will develop their netball skills and knowledge through practices and conditioned competitive games. Students will also develop team tactics and strategies in practice sessions and apply these in friendly comparative fixtures throughout the season.



Rounders - Summer

KS 3

KS 4

Years 7-10

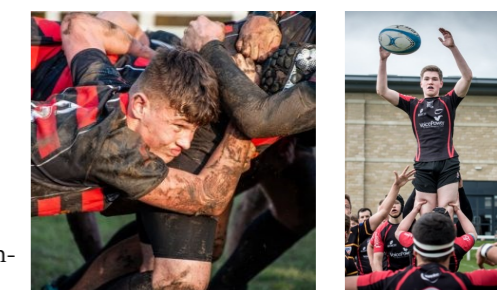
Rugby - Autumn/Spring

KS 3

KS 4

Years 7-11 for boys and girls

Students will develop their rugby skills and knowledge through fun practices and conditioned games. Teams are entered into two cup competitions each year, in addition to a programme of regular fixtures against local schools.



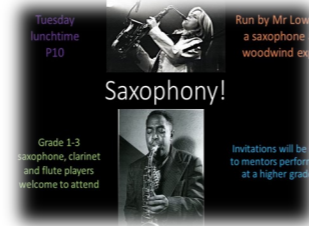
Wider Curriculum Clubs

Saxophony!



Years 7-13

This club is for Grade 1 to 3 saxophone, clarinet and flute woodwind players.



School of Rock



Years 7-13

This is a session where students who play band instruments (guitar, bass, keys/ piano, drum kit and voice) can come together to form bands and rehearse their own choice of music.

Science Club



Year 7

Year 7 Science Club is a fabulous opportunity to introduce students to the marvels of Science by performing some fun and imaginative experiments. It is run by our most enthusiastic Year 12 students aiming to inspire our budding younger scientists!

Please sign up by email to [Dr Curran](#).



Senior Choir



Years 9-13

This is run by Mrs Gregory for our more experienced singers in Years 9-13. Staff are also welcome to join.

We sing a variety of different styles from classical to gospel to pop to jazz.



Senior Orchestra



Years 7-13 (Grade 5 plus, orchestral players)

Wider Curriculum Clubs

Senior STEM Club



Years 8-10

STEM Club is for any student in Year 8-10 with an interest in how things work. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and maths and over the course of the term the club's activities will cover all of those areas.

Session Strings



Years 7-13

Open to grade 5+ violin, cello and double bass players who would like to play popular music within a band.



Sixth Form Societies and Clubs



Various times and locations

A range of societies and clubs organised by Sixth Form students, details of times and locations will be circulated each year within the Sixth Form bulletin during the Autumn term.

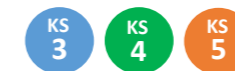
Song Writing Club



Year 7-13

For any budding song-writers!

String Ensemble



Years 7-13

For violin, cello and double bass players for grade 1 and above. Led by Mrs Twitchin. They play a variety of music from classical to pop.

Email [Mrs Twitchin](#) for details.

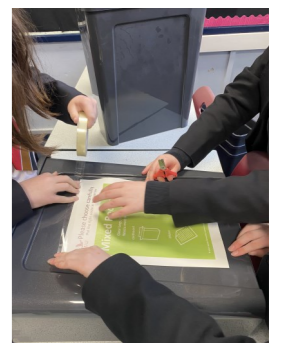


Sustainability Club



Years 7-13 Week A only

Sustainability club is open to anyone who has an interest in protecting our planet. We will meet on an A week to work on small projects in school to make our building more sustainable! Come along to see what we are working on!



Wider Curriculum Clubs

Table Tennis



Years 7-13

Recreational table tennis with a focus on learning new skills through practicing some new and exciting drills from our excellent table tennis coach. Students will also enjoy playing lots of fun games during the sessions.



Tech Team



Years 7-13

This is for students who want to take part behind the scenes of events. For students interested in sound, lighting, stage management and production.



Tennis - Summer



Years 7-13

Students will develop their knowledge through fun practices and games. All levels of ability and experience are welcome to attend.



Volleyball—Summer



Years 7-11

Students will develop their volleyball skills and knowledge through fun practices. All levels of ability and experience are welcome to attend.



Warhammer Alliance



Years 7-13

Table top miniature battles in a fantasy or futuristic world. Absolute beginners to experienced players all welcome.

Learning: Catch Up and Leadership

Art and Photography GCSE Studio Support Session



Year 10-11

A session for GCSE Art and GCSE Photography students to access support with their GCSE course(s).

BTEC Business Intervention Session



The sessions will be split into unit 2 resit prep and unit 3 revision. The unit 2 prep session will go back over the structure needed in the exam and the knowledge students are expected to have. The unit 3 prep session will recap tricky calculations that are needed and it will recap the longer answer exam question structure.

Business Intervention Session



Year 11

To prepare students for their GCSE business exam, we would like them to come to a lunchtime revision session that focuses on hard topics and working on exam technique. We have invited Year 12 Business students along to help with students 1 to 1 support.

Business Intervention Session



Year 13

The sessions will be split each week into paper 1 (theme 1 and 4) and paper 2 (theme 2 and 3). We are focussing on applying our knowledge to the case studies and tackling long answer questions. We will also be looking at how topics interlink with each other.

Career Pathways



Sixth Form

Students have the opportunity to sign up to one of a range of Career Pathways which offer detailed insight into career specialisms, including keynote lectures from experts, and work experience opportunities. These Career Pathways aim to improve career awareness and demonstrate to admissions teams and potential employers a commitment to a particular field. Career Pathways include: Medical Sciences, Business and Enterprise, Education, Training and Public Services, Law, Art and Creative Industries and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).



Learning: Catch Up and Leadership

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (Year 10-13)



The Duke of Edinburgh Award (D of E) is a fantastic opportunity for students to get out and engage with the community. D of E is fantastic for health and wellbeing, it develops our students communication and leadership skills and is a chance to make new friends. Students who take part in D of E always have good fun and forge lasting memories through their experiences.

In Year 10 students have the opportunity to participate in the Bronze Award, and Year 12 have the opportunity to work towards Gold. The award is made up of different key areas:

Bronze level - Physical, Skill, Volunteering and Expedition

Gold level - All of the above, plus a Residential section

Students engage in an activity for an hour a week for each of the sections for a set period of time (see graphics below). As part of the award, students will take part in a walking expedition. This is a two-day expedition in Wensleydale and Nidderdale at Bronze and a four-day expedition in The Howgill Fells and Dales at Gold. All kit can be borrowed except walking boots, sleeping bag and a waterproof jacket.

You will enjoy loads of new experiences, get fitter, challenge yourself and discover talents you never thought you had. In conclusion, the Duke of Edinburgh award is a life changing, community engaging, skill building experience.

Go for it...Get involved.

BRONZE

Volunteering 3 months	PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.
Physical 3 months	
Skills 3 months	
Expedition 2 days 1 night	

GOLD

Volunteering 12 months	one section for 12 months, the other for 6 months	Plus an extra 6 months in the Volunteering, or longer of the Skills or Physical sections, if you haven't got Silver.
Physical Skills		
Expedition 4 days 3 nights	Residential 5 days 4 nights	



Learning: Catch Up and Leadership

Encore! Music Lessons



Encore! is the name of the daytime instrumental, vocal and LAMDA music teaching provision at HGS. Any student is eligible for tuition, there is no need to have had previous music lessons elsewhere, just an enthusiasm for creating music.

Our emphasis is on providing quality tuition for all year groups and all standards of students. If you have always wanted to try your hand at playing something or singing, have a go with one of our 6-week taster introductory courses with no obligation to continue. For more advanced music students, tuition is available with 40% GCSE, A level and BTEC Music discounts aimed at supporting key stage 4 and 5 music courses. Study towards external music exams or purely for enjoyment.

Tuition is offered on most instruments (Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Popular Music Vocals, Classical Voice, Piano, Electric Guitar, Classical Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drum Kit, Percussion, and LAMDA public speaking), by a dedicated team of specialists.

Encore! holds a stock of instruments that are also available to hire.

Tuition prices are available at www.harrogategrammar.co.uk. Any questions please email hgsencore@hgs.rklt.co.uk.

Design and Technology GCSE Club



Year 11 DT GCSE students (invite only)

Year 11 students can use the time for completing NEA. Use this great opportunity to complete design and practical work, practice 3D design skills with CAD, and use cnc, laser cutter and a 3D printer.

Economics Intervention Session



Year 13

The session will be split each week into micro and macro. We are focusing on long answer questions and looking at what the question is asking for, what diagrams are needed, and how we can expand on our points to achieve full analysis and evaluation marks.

English GCSE Revision



Year 11 (invite only)

This English GCSE revision session, invites selected groups of students to focus on the writing element of the English Language papers. Students look at how to write articles, formal letters and practise writing descriptively, using a picture prompt. Attendees read a variety of sources to help develop an awareness of style, tone and audience, enhance vocabulary and build essential writing skills.

Food Prep and Nutrition Catch up



Year 11

The opportunity to come and improve your coursework.

Learning: Catch Up and Leadership

Geography A Level Revision Session

KS 5

Year 13

History A Level Revision

KS 5

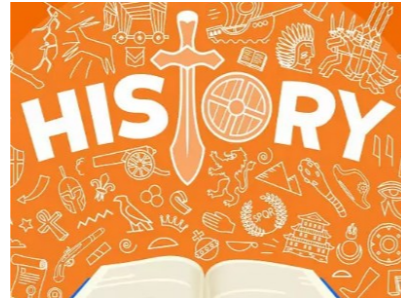
Year 13

History GCSE Revision

KS 4

Year 11

This History revision session allows students to focus on revising key content from the GCSE course, encouraging students to recall historical information and applying this to GCSE style questions in order to build their confidence.



Learning Support Home Learning Club

KS 3

KS 4

Year 7-11 (invite only)

Home Learning Club is for students who would like a quiet space in school with a little extra support from a Teaching & Learning Assistant.

GCSE Masterclasses

KS 4

Year 11

After school and homework masterclasses are scheduled throughout Year 11. These are usually held in Maths, English, Science and Business. Subject teachers will provide more information to Year 11 classes as these are scheduled.

GCSE Saturday Revision

KS 4

Year 11

During March and April, Saturday revision sessions will take place from 10am to 1pm in the Sixth Form. These sessions will include independent study alongside targeted revision sessions for English, Maths and Science.

Maths GCSE Foundation and Higher Tier Drop-in

KS 4

Year 11

These are drop-in sessions for any Year 11 Foundation and Higher tier student who wishes to revise GCSE Maths work or complete homework. This will be staffed by at least one maths teacher.



Learning: Catch Up and Leadership

Maths Drop-in

KS 5

Year 12 and 13

This is an opportunity to gain support with your studies. Open to AS, A Level and Core students. Please bring along any maths problems you have, whether this be classwork, homework or otherwise.

Music Coursework Catch up

KS 4

KS 5

Years 10-13

PE BTEC Anatomy and Physiology Support—Autumn

KS 5

Year 12 and 13

PE BTEC Revision

KS 5

Year 12

PE GCSE Support

KS 4

Year 11



Politics AS and A Level Revision

KS 5

Year 13

Readathon

KS 3

Readathon involves Year 7 and 8 and happens both during English lessons and out of school in the penultimate week of the second half term. All of Year 7 and 8 take part in a sponsored read for a week in order to support a charity which provides books for children in hospital.



Reading to help children in hospital

Reading Week

KS 3

Each year Reading Week focuses on a different genre, with a range of authors invited to give talks and run workshops. In addition to attending author workshops, students are encouraged to produce a piece of their own creative writing in this genre. Their work is



Learning: Catch Up and Leadership

Religious Studies A Level Revision

KS 5

Year 13

Revision of key topics and skills included in the A Level exam papers.

Religious Studies GCSE Drop in

KS 4

Year 11

Revision of key topics and skills included in the GCSE exam papers.



Sociology Intervention Session

KS 5

Year 13

In Sociology, students will be invited to attend revision and exam preparation sessions each week, to enable everyone to achieve the best of their ability.

STEM Public Lectures

KS 5

Year 12 and 13

HGS welcomes a new public lecture programme. The programme is designed to extend and enrich KS5 students beyond the curriculum via leading experts from local universities and businesses sharing their expertise in an "Evening with...". From Astrobiology to the Socioeconomic studies of single parent households, these lectures offer KS5 students an insight into academic content like never before.



Learning: Leadership (School Community)

Charity Committee and Events

KS 3

KS 4

KS 5

The opportunity to give service to others and to look outwards to the local, national and international community is regarded as an important part of the education offered at Harrogate Grammar School. Each year the school supports a particular principal charity and the Charities Committee meet periodically to organise and support events throughout the year to raise money for the work of them.

The Charities committee comprises volunteer members from across Key Stage 3 to 5. The committee organise and run a calendar of events to fundraise for a variety of charities with the Bizarre Bazaars run by each of the school houses in December, and non-uniform days each term. There is also one big charity event each term that is organised and run by the charity committee.

How do I get involved?

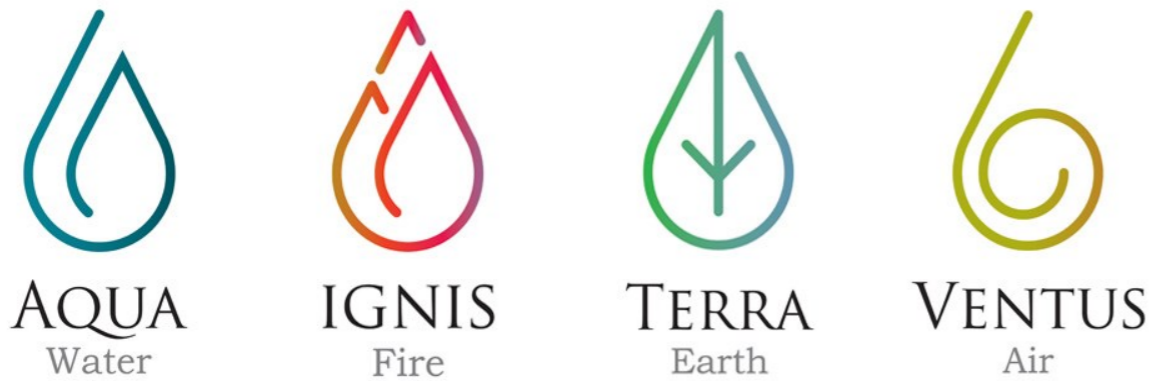
Your support of our Charities as part of the school community would be appreciated, whether by:

- Joining the Charities committee
- Paying a small donation on non-uniform days throughout the year
- Being involved in one or all of the big charity events throughout the year



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House Events



Upon starting school in Year 7, students are allocated to a House; Ventus, Ignis, Terra or Aqua. The house system allows all students from Year 7 to Year 13 to feel a sense of belonging. It provides an opportunity across a broad range of activities and competitions to develop confidence and leadership skills. Every student, whatever their age, is encouraged to participate. Students develop a strong commitment to their House and teammates. At the end of the year there is a whole school assembly which celebrates the successes of the House activities and a shield is presented to the House that has accrued the greatest number of points.



House Sports



Students compete in hockey, rugby, football, cross country and netball throughout the year. The sporting competition culminates in the House Sports days where there are further competitions in rounders, tennis, volleyball, tug of war and athletics.



Bizarre Bazaars



Houses compete to raise funds for the school charity through creating stalls, baking cakes and any other innovative fund raising ideas. They are delivered by students for students during break times at Christmas.



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House Leader



There are two House Reps in each form group in Y7-10. House reps help co-ordinate competitions each year between the four houses (Ventus, Ignis, Terra and Aqua) with the support of their tutor team. They will encourage their form to sign-up and take part in House Events to make sure their form is contributing as many House points as possible! Reps will also need to communicate with reps in other forms within their year group. There are a range of House Events across the year, everything from Photography to Food to Football. Some events are team entries, and some are individual, some are creative, and some are energetic. Whatever the event it is sure to be fun!

Library Leader



Becoming a Library Leader provides students with the opportunity to explore their love of reading as well as providing them with the responsibility to inspire, help and guide others.

Library Leaders help with a range of tasks within the library for example:

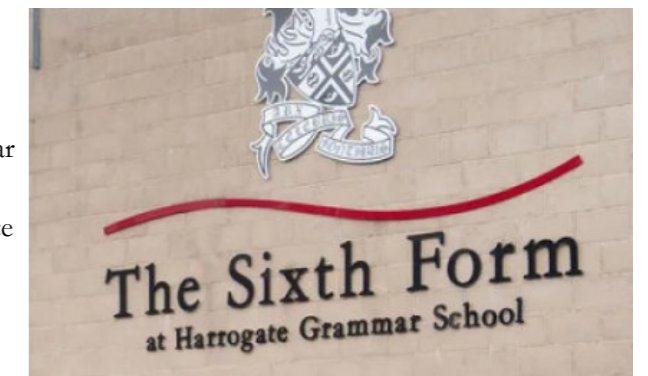
- Supporting and developing reading within school
- Making a difference to other students learning
- Acting as a role model to other students
- Helping to choose stock
- Arranging author visits and reading week assemblies

They also develop communication and problem-solving skills along with being part of a fantastic team.

Sixth Form Service Job Roles



Showing commitment and respect to the school community and beyond are values that we promote strongly at Harrogate Grammar School. To promote this, all Year 12 students are required to complete 30 hours Service over the course of the year. This Service involves students undertaking a voluntary role either in or out of school. The purpose of Service is to give our Sixth Form students responsibility for supporting others, to develop communication skills, to forge a strong sense of community, and to give younger students some visible role models around school. It also develops the time management skills of our Year 12s, as they balance their different commitments and it builds communication and leadership skills that are valued by employers and universities.



Reading Mentor

Reading Mentors work in partnership with the Sixth Form Team and teaching staff, supporting and enhancing the education of students in the school, particularly in aiding reading ability, and developing reading confidence. Reading Mentors work with staff in and around school, assist with events and undertake one session of reading with other students once a week. Reading Mentors are role models for younger students and as such, are expected to demonstrate

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Sixth Form Student Ambassador

The role of Sixth Form Student Ambassador is one of significant responsibility. Student Ambassadors work in partnership with the Sixth Form Team and teaching staff, supporting and enhancing the education of students in the school and assisting with administration and supervision. Student Ambassadors are role models for younger students and as such, are expected to demonstrate maturity, show good judgement, be reliable and act responsibly at all times.

All Student Ambassadors are expected to:

- Support staff in and around school
- Undertake a lunchtime and break duty once a week
- Assist with special occasions and events

In addition to this, Student Ambassadors will lead in a particular aspect of Sixth Form Life. This includes Charities, House Events, Sustainability, Diversity and Inclusion and Extra-curricular.

School Council



Each form elects two representatives to form their Year Council. Representatives bring items to each meeting and share findings with their forms. Each meeting is run by the Year Manager with the help of members of the Student Leadership Team.

Senate



Students volunteer to represent their year group at Senate, and then this goes to a vote with the rest of the year group. The Senate meets after each Year Council meeting to discuss issues raised by each year group, as well as an SLT agenda item. These are then discussed and action points are drawn up. Minutes are presented to the SLT and a summary of the meeting is written for the Bulletin. The meetings are run by the two head students.



