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Year 7 Transition Information Pack 2024-2025



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Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome to Harrogate Grammar School

We really look forward to welcoming your child to Harrogate Grammar School (HGS) in September, and starting a successful partnership with you, your child and our school.

In this information pack you will find details regarding the transition programme including what we would like you, as parents/carers, to do. There is a helpful checklist on the last page which includes key dates and details of the forms to be completed.

We look forward to meeting all the new starters when they visit us for three important transition days on **Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 July 2024**.

In addition, we would like to invite you to join us on the evening of **Thursday 11 July 2024** at 6.30pm in the Main Hall. This information evening is for only for parents/carers. During the evening we will provide further information about starting secondary school and introduce you to key staff including:

- Senior Leadership Team
- Your child's form tutor
- Our Pastoral Team
- Representatives of the Parent Teacher Association
- Uniform suppliers, alongside a display of the Year 7 uniform

Please complete the Admission Form, which can be accessed via [this link](#). We ask that you complete this by Friday 15 March 2024, as this acts as your confirmation that you are taking up the place allocated to your child.

Our aim is for all our students to enjoy the next chapter in their education. At HGS, we focus on helping each student to become the best they can be by providing a positive, inclusive environment in which young people can find and develop their strengths. We are very proud of the outstanding progress students make with us.



Mr Neil Renton
Headteacher



Overview of the Transition Programme

HGS Transition Programme

We are very excited to share the HGS Transition Programme that we have planned for our new Year 7 students.

| DATE | ACTIVITY |
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| ONGOING | <p>REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>We will regularly keep in contact with you to share more information about your child starting at HGS. This will include emails, postcards and videos. We will also provide you with an e-handbook later in the Summer Term which will contain all the information you need to know ahead of your child starting at HGS.</p> |
| JUNE | <p>VISITS BY OUR PASTORAL TEAM TO PRIMARY SCHOOL</p> <p>An opportunity for your child to meet our Pastoral team in their primary school.</p> |
| TUESDAY 9 JULY WEDNESDAY 10 JULY THURSDAY 11 JULY | <p>TRANSITION DAYS AT HGS</p> <p>Three important days for students to experience life at HGS. These days will allow them to sample lessons, meet their new teachers and make new friends in preparation for September.</p> <p>Students should attend all three days. More detailed information will be provided near the time.</p> <p>Start Time: 8.50am (doors open at 8.40am) Finish Time: 3pm</p> |
| THURSDAY 11 JULY EVENING | <p>PARENT/CARER INFORMATION EVENING AT HGS</p> <p>An opportunity for parents/carers to meet key staff including our Senior Leadership Team, Pastoral Team and your child's Form Tutor.</p> <p>Start Time: 6.30pm Finish Time: 8pm</p> |
| SATURDAY 13 JULY | <p>SPORTS MORNING AT HGS</p> <p>Organised by our PE and Sports Faculty, this is a fabulous opportunity for you and your child to meet other families from Year 7. The morning will include an informal sports event for your child. Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day.</p> <p>Registration: 10am Finish Time: 1.15pm</p> |
| TUESDAY 27 AUGUST WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST THURSDAY 29 AUGUST | <p>SUMMER SCHOOL AT HGS</p> <p>A fantastic opportunity for students to meet with their new friends and engage in some Drama, Music, Art and Design and PE activities. In addition, students will collect and set up their school iPad.</p> <p>Start Time: 9am Finish Time: 1.45pm</p> |
| TUESDAY 27 AUGUST | <p>IPAD COLLECTION AT HGS</p> <p>Further information about our iPad for Learning scheme will be shared with parents late May/early June. iPads will be handed out to students during Summer School.</p> |

Admission Form

Admission Form

Please complete by 15 March

The Admission Form provides the school with important data including key information about your child, emergency contact numbers and medical details. This information will populate our management information system, Arbor. All data is stored securely.



We also ask on the form if your child can attend the sports morning and Summer School. To complete the Admission Form, please click on this link: [HGS Admission Form](#)

Initially you will be asked to confirm that you wish to accept the place at HGS, you will then be directed to the Admission Form. Please insert the password **HGS_2024** and ensure you select 'New Year 7 (Current Year 6)' on the first dropdown list.

If you have decided not to take up the offer of a place, please complete the first page of the admission form to confirm you no longer require this place.

| Transition Events – Key Dates | |
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| June | Primary Visits by HGS Pastoral Team |
| 9, 10, 11 July (Tuesday to Thursday) | Transition Days at HGS |
| Thursday 11 July | Parent Information Evening: 6.30pm to 8pm |
| Saturday 13 July | Sports Morning: 10am to 1.15pm |
| 27, 28, 29 August (Tuesday to Thursday) | Summer School: 9am to 1.45pm iPad collections during Summer School |

School Uniform – School Ties

We will share further information in relation to school uniform in the Summer Term.

Recently we introduced two new tie designs so students wear the same design from Year 7 to 11. For Year 7 students starting at HGS in September 2024, the school tie design is displayed opposite.



Transition Events

Transition Days: 9, 10 and 11 July 2024

We have arranged for all new students joining us in September to spend three days at HGS on Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 July.

This allows all students to experience life at HGS. Students will follow a programme of activities each day to get to know each other and their form tutor, to begin to find their way around school and to sample different lessons with their new teachers.

We hope that being in school for these transition days, combined with the sports morning and Summer School, will provide reassurance ahead of September.

Timings: 8.40am until 3pm.



Summer School: 27, 28 and 29 August

Following the fantastic feedback over the last couple of years, we are delighted to run our Summer School event again this year.

These three days provide a further opportunity for the year group to meet, experience a range of subjects including Drama, Art and Design, Music, PE and also allow them to familiarise themselves with the school without other year groups in the building. Across these three days, we will also hand out iPads and spend time setting this up so students can access their email and other apps that are used in school.

Timings: 9am to 1.45pm

Further information about all these events will be shared with you nearer the time.



Sports Morning: Saturday 13 July

We invite you and your child to our sports morning which is organised by the PE and Sports Faculty. This will be held on the school fields, netball courts and astro pitch.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to spend more time with their new year group and meet our PE team.

Refreshments will be available to purchase between activities.

Timings: 10am to 1.15pm



Encore! Music Tuition

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Encore! is our instrumental and vocal music teaching provision. It has been designed to provide an easy transition for all students to continue with, or to start instrumental and/or vocal lessons when moving from Primary School.

Encore! offers tuition for the following instruments:

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| Vocals | Specialising in a wide variety of styles |
| Woodwind | Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone, Recorder |
| Brass | Cornet, Trumpet, Tenor Horn, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba |
| Strings | Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass |
| Percussion | Drum Kit and Tuned Percussion including Timpani and Glockenspiel |
| Guitar | Acoustic, Classical, Electric and Bass |
| Piano | Classical and Jazz |
| Drama | LAMDA Drama |



Lesson information

Lessons take place during the normal school day, and will be timetabled so there is minimal disruption to the school timetable.

Three lesson lengths:

- 20 minutes at £15.00 per lesson
- 30 minutes at £21.00 per lesson
- 40 minutes at £26.50 per lesson

For discount information, please click [here](#).

For more information about Encore! Lessons, please [click here](#).

How do I enrol?

We encourage you to enrol promptly to ensure you are offered the instrument of your choice.

Please click [here](#) and complete the form to register your expression of interest by Friday 7 June 2024.

Term Dates 2024-2025

AUGUST 2024 to JULY 2025

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| AUTUMN TERM 1 | <p><i>Staff Development Days – Friday 30 August 2024 and Monday 2 September 2024</i></p> <p>Term starts: Tuesday 3 September 2024</p> <p>Term ends: Friday 25 October 2024, 3.30pm finish</p> |
| HALF TERM | SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024 |
| AUTUMN TERM 2 | <p>Term starts: Monday 4 November 2024</p> <p><i>Staff Development Day – Friday 29 November 2024</i></p> <p>Term ends: Friday 20 December 2024, 2.30pm finish</p> |
| CHRISTMAS BREAK | SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2025 |
| SPRING TERM 1 | <p>Term starts: Monday 6 January 2025</p> <p>Term ends: Friday 14 February 2025, 3.30pm finish</p> |
| HALF TERM | SATURDAY 15 JANUARY TO SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2025 |
| SPRING TERM 2 | <p>Term starts: Monday 24 February 2025</p> <p>Term ends: Friday 4 April 2025, 3.30pm finish</p> |
| EASTER BREAK | SATURDAY 5 APRIL TO MONDAY 21 APRIL 2025 |
| SUMMER TERM 1 | <p>Term starts: Tuesday 22 April 2025</p> <p><i>Bank Holiday: Monday 5 May 2025</i></p> <p>Term ends: Friday 23 May 2025, 3.30pm finish</p> |
| HALF TERM | SATURDAY 24 MAY TO SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2025 |
| SUMMER TERM 2 | <p>Term starts: Monday 2 June 2025</p> <p><i>Staff Development Day – Friday 4 July 2025</i></p> <p>Term ends: Friday 18 July 2025, 2.30pm finish</p> <p><i>Staff Development Days – Monday 21 July 2025 and Tuesday 22 July 2025</i></p> |

Checklist and Key Dates

Checklist – to complete

We appreciate there is a lot of information to take in. Please find below a helpful checklist of the forms to be completed.

| Item to be completed | Deadline | Link | Complete |
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| Admissions Form* | Friday 15 March 2024 | Complete this Online Form Password: HGS_2024 | |
| Encore! Music application form (optional) | Friday 7 June 2024 | Complete the Expressions of Interest Form | |

*if you do not have access to a computer or are unable to complete the form online, please contact Reception on 01423 531127

Dates for your Diary

| Date | Event | Timings |
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| Saturday 20 April | PTA second hand uniform sale | 10am to midday main car park |
| Tuesday 9 July Wednesday 10 July Thursday 11 July | Transition Days Students to attend all 3 days | 8.40am to 3pm |
| Thursday 11 July | Parent information evening Including PTA second hand uniform sale | 6.30pm to 8pm |
| Saturday 13 July | Sports morning | 10am to 1.15pm |
| Tuesday 27 August to Thursday 29 August | Summer School including iPad handouts | 9am to 1.45pm |
| Tuesday 3 September | First Day at School <i>Students do not need to bring PE kit on the first day</i> | Doors open from 8.40am School Day: 8.50am to 3.30pm |