



HARROGATE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Exam Arrangements for Year 11

As we approach [the GCSE examination period](#), we are writing to inform you about the arrangements for Year 11. The GCSE examination period commences on Thursday 9 May.

From Thursday 9 May, all formal year 11 lessons will be suspended, and we will have the following arrangements in place:

Revision Sessions/Spaces

- Subjects will be running a series of revision lessons throughout the exam period. These revision sessions can be booked via Arbor Parent Portal by clicking on the Trips tab. A copy of the revision timetable can be accessed [here](#) (add link).
- A supervised study space will also be available to students during the exam period. We expect students to complete their own focused revision during this time. Although these sessions will be for independent study there will be a member of teaching staff available to answer any exam specific issues such as revision queries. If your child would like to study in school, a place can be booked via Arbor Parent App by clicking on Trips. These sessions are listed as Year 11 Revision; Independent Silent Study
- Students coming into school to access the supervised study area or one of the revision sessions should sign in and out with the Attendance Officer at the student entrance.

PRET sessions

- Before each exam there will be a Pre-Exam Technique (PRET) session facilitated by the subject teacher. The aim of these sessions is to provide students with final exam tips and reminders and address any queries they may have. These sessions are not to impart further subject knowledge, but to 'tune students in' to the exam they are about to sit.
- PRET sessions are compulsory, all students are expected to attend the sessions for the subjects that they study. We rely on your support to emphasise the importance of these sessions. The sessions will take place:
 - 8.25am to 8.45am before AM examinations
 - 12.25pm to 12.45pm before PM examinations
 - These sessions are listed in the [Year 11 Revision Timetable](#)

Refreshments

- Complimentary refreshments will be available in the Hub from 8am, to ensure student's brains are fully fuelled for their exam. We encourage students to access this provision. This not a full breakfast, but refreshments such as flapjack.
- For students staying in school to revise or attend an afternoon exam, food will be available from 12pm in the Hub.

Final Assembly

- The final Year 11 Assembly will take place in the Main Hall on Wednesday 8 May at 12pm. Once the Assembly has finished, students will be asked to make their way home.
- We ask that all students empty their lockers by Tuesday 7 May and take home all their belongings.

Results Day

The GCSE examination results will be released on Thursday 22 August and students are invited to the Forum from 9am to collect their results. The Sixth Form team will be present throughout the results period to answer any enquiries and manage the transition into Sixth Form. In addition, our independent Careers Adviser, Mrs Mitchell, will be available to support students. Any results which are not collected on the day will be emailed to the student's school email address. If they would like them sending to a different email address they need to send this address from their school email account to HGSExams@hgs.rklt.co.uk.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish your son/daughter all the very best in the forthcoming exams and thank you for your continued support. We hope that they will make the most of the revision and support opportunities available to them over the forthcoming examination period.

If you have any questions, please contact me (MasonN@hgs.rklt.co.uk) or Mrs Oliver (OliverM@hgs.rklt.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Mason', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Mason

Assistant Headteacher, Director of Upper School