



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Activity	Year Groups
w/c 29 April	GCSE speaking exams continue for Year 11 students	Year 11
Tuesday 30 April	PTA meeting, 6.30pm enter via Sixth Form	All Years
Saturday 4 May	GCSE Silent Study Session, G2 – 10am to 1pm	Year 11
Monday 6 May	May bank holiday – school closed	All years
Friday 10 May	Year 8 HPV vaccinations in school	Year 8
Friday 10 May to Sunday 12 May	Year 7 Conover Netball Tour	Year 7
Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 May	DofE Bronze Cohort 2 Practice Expedition	Year 10
Saturday 11 May	GCSE English revision session, Forum – 9.30am to 12.30pm	Year 11
Thursday 16 May to Sunday 19 May	Year 8 History Battlefields trip	Year 8
Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May	DofE Bronze Cohort 2 Final Expedition	Year 10
Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May	May Half Term – school closed Friday 24 May 3.30pm – end of Summer 1 term Monday 3 June – start of Summer 2 term	All years

Parent Communications

Year 13 Leavers Arrangements – click [here](#) to view the letter emailed on 26 April

Google and Apple Pay now live on Arbor App

Great news, you can now use Google or Apple Pay when paying for trips, clubs or to top up meal accounts via the Arbor Parent App.



To use this payment facility please make sure you have downloaded the Arbor Parent App and set up Google or Apple Pay.

- [How to download the Google Wallet app](#)
- [How to set up Apple Pay](#)
- [How to install the Arbor Parent app](#)

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:

KS3	Years 7, 8 and 9
KS4	Years 10 and 11
KS5	Year 12 Year 13



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Information for Year 11 Students

Saturday Revision Sessions – final two sessions Saturday 27 April and 4 May

The final two Saturday revision sessions will take place in G2, in the Sixth Form on Saturdays 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 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

Year 11 Revision Sessions and PRET sessions

During the exam period, we will be delivering subject specific revision sessions for Year 11 students. A place can be **booked a place via the Arbor Parent Portal**, within the [Trips section](#). Details of these sessions can be found [here](#).

Ahead of each exam a PRET session will take place in school, these are compulsory sessions – further details of timings and rooms for these sessions can be found [here](#).

Year 11 students can also come into school in between exams to use the independent study area in the Hub.

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

School Trips during the Summer Term

We have a number of trips taking place over the Summer Term. Please find further information in the table below. The trips highlighted in yellow are still open within Arbor Trips section for you to sign up your child.

Trip Name	Trip Date(s)	Sign up Date Current Balance due
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze (Cohort 1) – Year 10	Final Expedition Saturday 27 April to Sunday 28 April	These trips are now full Full balance now due
Year 12 Geography, Naples	Saturday 27 April to Tuesday 30 April	
Year 7 Condoover Netball Tour	Friday 10 May to Sunday 12 May	
Year 8 Battlefields	Thursday 16 May to Sunday 19 May	
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze (Cohort 2) – Year 10	Practice Expedition Saturday 11 May to Sunday 12 May	
	Final Expedition Saturday 18 May to Sunday 19 May	
Year 7 and 8 Condoover Football Tour	Friday 14 June to Sunday 16 June	
Year 8 and 9 German Trip	Tuesday 25 June to Saturday 29 June	
Years 11 and 12 Performing Arts, London	Thursday 27 June to Friday 28 June	
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze (Cohort 3) – Year 10	Practice Expedition Saturday 29 June to Sunday 30 June	
	Final Expedition Saturday 6 July to Sunday 7 July	
Year 7 French Trip 1	Monday 1 July to Wednesday 3 July	
Year 7 French Trip 2	Monday 15 July to Wednesday 17 July	
Year 12 Cranedale Biology Fieldwork	Tuesday 2 July to Thursday 4 July	
Year 12 New Designers Trip	Thursday 4 July	
Year 9 Romantic Literature Workshop	Monday 8 July	Payment due by 1 May
Duke of Edinburgh Gold – Year 12	Final Expedition Friday 12 July to Monday 15 July	Final instalment due by 24 May
GCSE History Trip to London – Year 10	Monday 15 July to Wednesday 17 July	Final instalment due by 1 June
Year 8 Cricket Tour	Monday 15 July to Tuesday 16 July	Final instalment due by 1 June
Year 12 Geography Fieldwork, Leeds	Monday 13 May	Voluntary Contribution - £13
Year 12 Geography Fieldwork, Otley	Friday 17 May	Voluntary Contribution - £13
End of Year trips Years 7 to 10 and 12	Years 7, 8 and 12 – Friday 12 July Years 9 and 10 – Thursday 4 July	Sign up by 31 May £39 – Flamingo land £29 – ice skating/cinema

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](#)















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Languages - Word a Day

Help your children learn 'Word a Day'! **Weeks 29 and 30**

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](#)

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.



PTA Update

PTA MEETING



Exciting times ahead! Attend our PTA meeting to help plan our next steps in the Marvellous Minibus Fundraising Campaign.

Tuesday, April 30th, 6:30pm
Sixth Form Building, Room S06

HGSPTA@HGS.RKLT.CO.UK

Our next PTA meeting will take place on Tuesday 30 April at 6.30pm in Sixth Form, S06.

There will be tea, coffee and cakes at the meeting. As this is the second last meeting of the year, we will be heading to So Bar for a social get together after the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Please do come along to support the PTA. We are fund raising for a new mini bus and gathering fund raising event ideas for events that we can organise, identifying local businesses that could possibly help with sponsorship or individuals with the skills to help us raise funds. Please do come along to help us!

If you would prefer to chat informally about the PTA or the mini bus fundraiser, I will be located in the foyer of Sixth Form from 6pm or email me on HGSPTA@hgs.rklt.co.uk

The PTA look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. Rhona, PTA Chair

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Sports Fixtures

Sports Events w/c 29 April 2024

Day	Sport	Opposition	Age	Home/Away	Meet	Start	Return HGS
Mon 29 April	Girls Cricket	Harrogate Ladies College	U13AB	Away	1.30pm	2.15pm	4pm
	Girls Football	GSAL	U15	Away	2pm	3pm	4.30pm
Wed 1 May	Cricket	GSAL	U18	Away	11.30am	1pm	4pm
	Girls Football Yorkshire Cup	St Aidan's	U12	Away	TBC		
	Girls Cricket	St John Fisher	U15	Home	1.30pm	2pm	4pm
Thu 2 May	Boys Cricket	St John Fisher or Ashville	U12	Harrogate Cricket Club TBC	1pm	2pm	5pm

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

Vacancies

HGS Vacancies

[Teacher of Design Technology](#), closing date Monday 29 April

[Teacher of Chemistry](#), closing date Monday 29 April

[Programme Leader – Head of French \(with TLR\)](#), closing date Monday 6 May

[Design Technician](#), closing date Wednesday 8 May

RKLT Vacancies

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

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

Last Friday, we welcomed a photography company to school to take our **whole school photograph**. This is taken every 7 years and captures all staff members and three separate photographs of students and their class teachers across Key Stages 3, 4 and 5. Thank you to Mrs Moat for organising, Tempest for the photography and to all our students and staff for taking part.

As soon as we have the links available for you to purchase your own copy we will email these out to parents/carers.

Click on the video link below to access a montage of the day:

Link: [Whole School Photograph Montage](#)



Well done to the students who recently took part in the **UKMT Junior Kangaroo Maths** Challenge.

This year, we received a record number of entrants for the Year 10 **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze programme**. The 164 students have been split into 3 cohorts with practice and final expeditions taking place in April, May and June. Last weekend, cohort 1 students completed their Practice Expedition. Good luck to this cohort who complete their final expedition this weekend.



Well done to **Rafe in Year 13** who completed the London Marathon at the weekend. Rafe raised an impressive £7000 for Brain Tumour Research.

Congratulations to Dylan in Year 10 who became the **Under 16 Champion at the British Judo Centre**. Dylan has started to train with the British National Squad, with a view to represent Great Britain in the future.



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Spotlight: Citizenship Education

This term in Big Picture lessons, students will be learning about Citizenship education, which aims to encourage students to take an interest in the world around them at a local, national and global level. We want students to understand how they can play a full part in society as an active and responsible citizen.

Did you know that there are 5 British Values?

British Value	What does this mean?
Democracy	<i>how citizens can influence decision-making through the democratic process</i>
The rule of law	<i>how we appreciate that living under the rule of law protects individual citizens and is essential for their wellbeing and safety</i>
Individual liberty	<i>understand that the freedom to choose and hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law</i>
Mutual Respect	<i>the importance of identifying and combating discrimination</i>
Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs	<i>accepting that other people have different faiths or beliefs to oneself (or have none), and should not be the cause of prejudicial or dissimulatory behaviour</i>

Let's focus on Democracy

Did you know?

The first York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority mayoral election takes places on Thursday 2 May.

Do you know how to vote, how old you have to be to vote and about registering to vote?

From May 2023, voters must bring a form of photo ID to vote in person. Did you know there are 22 forms of valid ID that you can use?

Getting involved at HGS

At HGS, there are many opportunities to get involved, these include:

- Year group council meetings
- HGS Senate
- Student Surveys

Mock elections in school
Big Picture discussions
Votes for Schools

Leadership roles in school e.g. House Leaders, Peer Mentors, Prefects, Reading Mentors, ASK students, music prefects, Sixth Form leadership team, Sports Leaders
Please talk to your Form Tutor if you would like to become involved with any of these roles in school.

- Extra-curricular activities
- Charity events
- Walk to school days



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