



The Sixth Form
at Harrogate Grammar School
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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 End of Year Assessments – Monday 10 June to Tuesday 25 June

Please find attached the timetable for the forthcoming Year 12 End of Year Assessment period. Individual timetables including rooming and start times will be emailed to students in due course.

End of year examinations will take place between Monday 10 June to Tuesday 25 June. There will be a catch-up session planned after this end of year assessment period, in order for any missed exams or clashes to be completed.

The End of Year 12 examinations provide the opportunity to assess material studied over the whole of Year 12 rather than a specific topic in a typical Common Assessment Task (CAT). As such, we expect students to revise and prepare broadly across the whole year of work. The examination period not only helps students become accustomed to the more formal arrangements for mocks in Year 13 and exams at the end of Key Stage 5, but also gives the opportunity for feedback and to identify areas for focus going into Year 13.

These exams will take place in the sports hall or gym where possible, and in the main school hall/classrooms when the sports hall is in use for the external examinations. Home study leave has been allocated for the duration of this period. This will give students experience of managing their revision time independently, as they will do in their Year 13 mock exams, and summer exams. The Study Centre in the Sixth Form will be available for students to use for independent revision during this period if they choose to do so.

Students studying specific non-examined subjects and / or those with significant coursework elements will be required to attend school on a selected day to work on compulsory coursework. This will be planned around their exams to avoid any clashes and will be communicated to students in due course. Students studying Art, Graphics and Photography are strongly encouraged to continue working in the school facilities and studio space during this period.

As part of this formal exam process students will be required to do the following:

- Wear normal business dress as on a regular school day, this includes their lanyard.
- Have all equipment in a clear, see-through pencil case or plastic bag.
- Ensure any water bottles are see-through and have any labels removed.
- Ensure all mobile devices are switched off, placed in bags and bags placed out of reach.
- Follow all instructions given by their teacher or invigilator.

In preparation for the exams, students will work with their form tutor to create a revision timetable to support them in building effective revision habits. Subject teachers are setting structured revision tasks on Arbor for students to complete independently in study periods and at home. A suggested four-step revision process is outlined below and specific revision tasks and advice will be provided by subject teachers via Showbie.

If you have any further questions or wish to discuss further support, please contact the Sixth Form Student Support Managers: Mrs Warren (WarrenB@hgs.rklt.co.uk) and Mrs Ingleton (IngletonC@hgs.rklt.co.uk).

Yours sincerely



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Director of Sixth Form

Four-step revision process: a focus on testing and applying knowledge

1. Review confidence in each subject

- Identify areas of strength and areas for development by rating confidence against each topic.
- A good way of doing this is to use a red, amber, green traffic light system and apply it to a list of all of the key topics studied in each subject. This will help to prioritise the focus for revision.

2. Low-stakes testing of core knowledge (content and question structures)

- It is essential to build a strong foundation of knowledge and to commit learning to long-term memory.
- A good way of doing this is to create sets of flash cards (either on card or electronically) and to test, and re-test regularly, revisiting the most challenging topics.

3. Test understanding and recollection of knowledge

- Applying knowledge on a wider topic area aids recall, and helps to build confidence through linking knowledge.
- A good way of doing this is to sit down with a blank piece of paper and produce a mind map or table on a topic, from memory, only tuning to notes to add detail when knowledge has been fully exhausted. Repeating the process at a later date will support long-term memory.

4. Apply knowledge to exam questions

- Answering exam questions is an important part of preparing to sit formal assessments.
- A good way to get the most out of this is to create test conditions, with no notes, and answering questions in the allocated time. These conditions will help to create the intensity under which exams will ultimately be sat.

Year 12 June CATS Timetable June 2024

Week 1 - B	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6
Monday 10 June	English Lit Paper 1 – 2h Classrooms				French Paper 1 – 1h45 Start 1:15pm, S09	
Tuesday 11 June	Psychology Paper 1 – 2h Gym				Politics Paper 1 – 1h 30 Start 1.30pm, Classroom	
Wednesday 12 June	Music paper 1 – 2h30 Classroom Computer Science – 2h D12 English Language Paper 1 – 2h30 Classrooms					
Thursday 13 June	Further Maths Paper 1F – 2h Gym Maths Pure Paper 1 – 2h Gym				Geography Paper 1- 1h25 Start 1.15pm, Gym Physics Paper 1 – 1h30 Start 1.15pm, Gym	
Friday 14 June	German Paper 2 – 2h Classroom Spanish Paper 2 – 2h Classroom RS Paper 1 – 2h Classroom				Economics Paper 1 – 1h30 Start 1:15pm Gym	

Week 2 - A	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6
Monday 17 June	History Paper 1 – 1h45 Classroom French Paper 2 Writing – 2h Classroom				Business Paper 1 – 1h30 Start 1.15pm, Main Hall Chemistry Paper 1 1h30 Start 1:15pm, Main Hall	
Tuesday 18 June	Sociology Paper 1 – 2h Main Hall				Biology Paper 1 – 1h30 Start 1.15pm, Main Hall Politics Paper 2 – 1h30 Start 1.15pm, Main Hall	
Wednesday 19 June	English Lit Paper 2 – 1h45 Main Hall Economics Paper 2 - Macro – 1h30 Main Hall					
Thursday 20 June	Further Maths Paper 2F – 2h Sports Hall History Paper 2 – 1h45 Sports Hall Maths Paper 2 – 1h15 Sports Hall RS Paper 2 – 2h Sports Hall				Physics Paper 2 – 1h30 Start 1:15pm, Sports Hall English Language Paper 2 – 1h45 Start 1.15pm, Sports Hall	
Friday 21 June	Sociology Paper 2 – 1h Main Hall German Paper 1 – 1h45 Spanish Paper 1 – 1h45 Classrooms				Geography Paper 2 – 1h25 Start 1.15pm, Gym Chemistry Paper 2 – 1h30 Start 1:15pm, Gym	

Week 3 - B	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6
Monday 24 June	<p>Computer Science Paper 2 – 1h30 Gym</p> <p>Drama Paper 3 – 1h Gym</p> <p>RS Paper 3 – 2h Gym</p> <p>Business Paper 2 – 1h30 Gym</p>				<p>Psychology Paper 2 – 1h Start 1:45pm, Gym</p>	
Tuesday 25 June	<p>Further Maths Pure 2 Paper 3F– 2h Gym</p> <p>Media Studies – 2h Gym</p>				<p>DT – 1h 30 Start 1:15pm, Gym</p> <p>Biology Paper 2 – 1h30 Start 1.15pm, Gym</p>	