



The Sixth Form
at Harrogate Grammar School
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End of term information

Dear Student, Parent / Carer

The Sixth Form Team and subject teachers have been really impressed with the positive approach that Year 12 students have taken towards their end of year exams. Now that these exams are complete, we would like to share details about the final weeks of term, and about priorities for the summer.

Summary of key dates

Wednesday 3 & Thursday 4 July	Progression Days
Friday 5 July	Training Day. School closed to students
Friday 12 July	Rewards trip to Flamingo Land / Ice skating
Week commencing 15 July	World of Work Week

Progression Days: 3 and 4 July

All students will participate in a programme dedicated to preparation for post-18 work or study. The programme for Wednesday 3 July includes:

- Presentations about university choices, degree apprenticeships and apprenticeships
- An opportunity to hear from HGS alumni about their pathway since leaving the school
- Support in writing the first draft of personal statements or CVs
- Specific guidance for early entry university applications including Performing Arts Conservatoires, Oxbridge and Dentist/Medic/Vets.

On Thursday 4 July, students will be working at home to write a first draft UCAS personal statement or CV. This will be submitted on [Unifrog](#) by 4pm. During the day, students will also participate in a one-to-one Teams meeting with their form tutor to discuss their current plans for progression beyond Year 13 and receive advice on writing the personal statement or CV.

Support for progression

The Sixth Form Team supports each stage of university and apprenticeship applications through step-by-step guidance, writing academic references, and providing UCAS grades which will be submitted with applications. Further information and useful links for students and parents can be found on Showbie, [Unifrog](#), and the [progression and careers](#) section of the school website.

World of Work Week: W/C 15 July

Students with planned work experience placements have completed the required administrative processes, and school is completing the final health and safety checks to ensure that these placements can go ahead.

Those undertaking virtual work experience opportunities will be allowed to complete these from home to ensure they have a quiet environment to focus on their individual tasks. Students are welcome to come in to school to complete these tasks if they would prefer.



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Contact will be made with all students and employers during the week, and all students will be expected to complete the Work Experience Log Book to reflect on their experience.

Bridging materials

Each subject area will set bridging work to complete over the summer in preparation for the start of Year 13. This is intended to provide a clear focus for students as they start the second phase of their courses. Work will be set on Showbie and through Arbor, and students are expected to complete the work in advance of their first lesson in September.

Exam results

Students who sat external examinations this summer will receive their results on **Thursday 15 August**. Results can be collected from the Forum from 10am on that day. Results for GCSE English or Maths will be available to collect on Thursday 22 August.

Feedback and grades for internal end of year exams will be communicated to students in lessons, and through the grade report which will be emailed in the final week of term.

Year 13 morning registration routine for September 2024

From September, the morning routine for Year 13 will change to provide students with greater flexibility and ownership over their study time as they start their final year of school and prepare themselves for life after school. In Year 13, students are not expected to register on a daily basis from 8.50-9.00am, apart from each Tuesday.

Year 13 students will:

- Remain in their current form group, with a dedicated tutor who will support them
- Sign in and out of school using their ID badge every day
- Attend all timetabled subject lessons and study periods
- Attend school at 8.50am every Tuesday to register and for Progression with their Form Tutor, working on careers opportunities, receiving support for applications, and focusing on important personal development and social issues.

The system affords greater flexibility as students will be able to:

- Study at home in the morning and arrive in school in good time for their first timetabled lesson or study period of the day. This applies on each day except for Tuesday when they are required to be in school by 8.50am.
- Leave school after their last timetabled lesson or study period of the day
- Stay in school for the full day, from 8am to 5pm to work in the Study Centre when they are not in timetabled lessons if they wish

Student attendance and work completion will continue to be monitored closely to ensure expectations are met. Where our monitoring shows that students are struggling to create a positive routine or to meet the expectations, a daily support session 8.50-9.00am will be added to their timetable for a defined period of time to help them to reset and establish positive study habits.

Important dates for the start of new academic year

Wednesday 4 September	Start of term. While other students will return to school on Tuesday 3 September, Year 13 students will return on Wednesday 4 September at 8.50am
Wednesday 11 September	Year 13 Information Evening for parents – The Forum
Tuesday 5 November	Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening – virtual
Tuesday 25 February	Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening – in school

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 12 students for the way they have approached the first year of their Sixth Form studies with focus and maturity. We are looking forward to welcoming them back in September as Year 13 students and are excited about what they can go on to achieve.

Yours sincerely

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

Ben Twitchin
Director of Sixth Form