

# Student Weekly News

w/c 24 March 2025

## Message from Mr Renton

Next week, on Tuesday and Wednesday, we are going to have some visitors in school. They are inspectors from Ofsted, who are coming to trial the new Ofsted inspection framework as part of a consultation process. The consultation is a two-way process, where they get to try out how it works and we also get to feedback to them, on how it feels for us as a school.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, you might see 5 inspectors in your lessons or around school. This could be before school as you are arriving, at breaktime and at lunchtime. These visitors will want to speak with you and ask you questions about your experiences in school.

In lessons, they are very likely to speak with some of you and ask to look at your work. They may not be used to seeing students working on iPads, so please remember to show them this work too. We often have visitors in school looking around, so this should feel no different. When we do have visitors, they always comment on how polite and respectful you are and also how smart you look in your uniform. Please show this same pride and respect during this visit.

We are asking our teachers to give feedback on how this experience feels for them and also on your behalf. Please talk to your teacher at the end of your lesson or to any member of staff, if you have feedback you would like to share.

As we always do when we have visitors, please welcome them to our school. **Mr Renton**

## Key Dates in March

Date/Time	Event	Year Group
Monday 24 March and Tuesday 25 March	Year 11 Drama exams	Year 11
w/c 24 March	Food Bank Donations - Ignis	7LFH, 7EXR, 8NAM, 8CEL, 9EKT, 9PLB, 9AEB, 10SJA, 10CPM, 10BXD, 11RSS, 11MIW
Wednesday 26 March	Year 11 Theatre Trip to watch Animal Farm, Leeds	Year 11
Thursday 27 March	Year 11 Business Masterclass 3.30-4.30pm	Year 11
Friday 28 March	Car Free Friday	All students
Friday 28 March to Sunday 30 March	Condoover Hall football trip	Year 7
Saturday 29 March	Year 11 Saturday revision	Year 11
Wednesday 2 April	Obstacle Fun Run for charity	All students
Thursday 3 April	Year 11 Business Masterclass 3.30-4.30pm	Year 11
Friday 4 April	Non uniform day Last day of Spring Term – 3.30pm finish	All students



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## Assemblies' w/c 24 March

Year Group	Date	Time	Location	Theme
7	Mon 24 Mar	8.50am	Main Hall	World Events and Fake News
11	Tue 25 Mar	8.50am		
10	Wed 26 Mar	8.50am		
9	Thu 27 Mar	8.50am		
8	Fri 28 Mar	8.50am		
7		Period 4 – Year 7		

## Termly Curriculum Overviews

Wondering what you will be learning about this term? Click on these links to access an overview of what students are learning about in each subject area in every half term. You will also have access to this in their showbie folders.

**Key Stage 3**  
**Years 7, 8 and 9**

**Key Stage 4**  
**Years 10 and 11**

## Sports Fixtures w/c 24 March

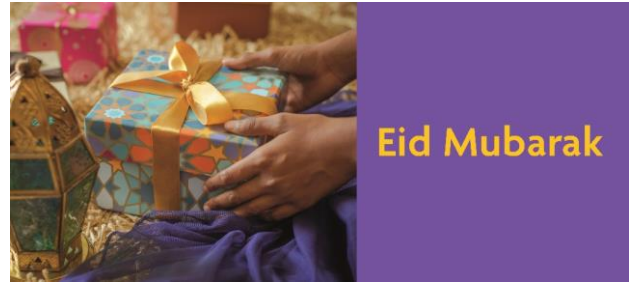
Date	Sport	Age	Opposition	Home/ Away	Meet Time	Start Time	Return to HGS
Mon 24 Mar	Netball	U12BC	Rossett	Away	2.30pm	3pm	4pm – collect from Rossett
	Hockey (girls)	U14	St Aidans	Away		3.45pm	
	Golf	Mixed	Tournament @ Ripon Golf Club	Away	8.15am	9.30am	5pm
	Basketball	U18	Ashville	Away	3.30pm	4.30pm	5.45pm
Tue 25 Mar	Netball	U12ABC	Ashville	Away	3.30pm	4.15pm	5.45pm – collect from Ashville
Wed 26 Mar	Rugby (Boys 7s)	U12	Ripon Grammar	Home	2.35pm	3pm	4.15pm
		U14	Ashville	Away	2.35pm	3pm	4pm – collect from Ashville
	Netball	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tournament @ Queen Margarets	Away	11.45am	12.45pm	6pm
		2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup>	Newcastle High School	Home	1.20pm	2pm	3.30pm
	Football (boys)	U14	Rossett		2.30pm	3pm	4.15pm
		U18	Ashville	Away	1.45pm	2.30pm	3.45pm
Tennis (girls)	Mixed	St Aidans (cup match)	Home	12.45pm	1pm	3pm	
Thu 27 Mar	Football (girls)	U14	Ilkley	Home	2.30pm	3pm	4.45pm
	Hockey (girls)	U14	State School Festival Nottingham	Away	7am	10.30am	7pm
Fri 28 Mar	Tennis (boys)	Mixed	Whiteburn (cup)	Home	Noon	12.30pm	3pm

## Spotlight – Eid ul-Fitr

The end of Ramadan is marked by a big celebration called 'Eid ul-Fitr' (the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast). Muslims are not only celebrating the end of fasting but thanking Allah for the strength he gave them throughout the previous month. Mosques hold special services, and a special meal is eaten during daytime (the first daytime meal for a month).

During Eid ul-Fitr Muslims dress in their finest clothes, give gifts to children and spend time with their friends and family. Muslims will also give money to charity at Eid.

This year, Eid ul-Fitr 2025 is expected to be celebrated on **Sunday 30 March**. However, the exact date is subject to the sighting of the moon.



## 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 dissimilatory behaviour</i>

### 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
- Attending extra-curricular clubs and activities
- Car Free Fridays – walk to school
- School charity events

Leadership roles in school e.g. House Leaders, Peer Mentors, Prefects, Reading Mentors, ASK students, music prefects, Sixth Form leadership team, Sports Leaders, Fire Monitors,

*Please talk to your Form Tutor if you would like to become involved with any of these roles in school.*



## Information for Year 11 students

Date	Event
Ongoing	Drop-in revision sessions, masterclasses and interventions continue – click this <a href="#">link</a> to access further information Showbie code: 64HHU
From 1 March	Saturday revision sessions 10am to 1pm – places can be booked via Clubs section in Arbor
w/c 7 and 14 April	Easter revision – <a href="#">click here</a> to access the timetable
8 May to 25 June	Summer Exams – please click on <a href="#">this link</a> to access the exam timetable Please note, the contingency date of 25 June, all students must remain available until this date.
Friday 9 May	Deadline to book Year 11 prom tickets – more information <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Saturday 10 May</b>	English revision session in the Forum, book via Arbor/Trips section

## Year 11 Exam Self Care

**YOUNGMINDS** We all know that exams are extremely challenging, not only because of what we have to learn, but also because they can affect our mental health. We are told to take regular breaks, but some find it hard to know how best to use them. Exam pressure is a rich topic for which there is plenty of advice. However, much of this advice focuses on study techniques to memorise exam topics. The reality is that much of the most vital revision is executed when one is not revising. Sometimes this aspect of revision can be more important than the active element. [Information supplied by Young Minds](#)

For more information on some top tier self-care tips [please follow this link](#).

## Saturday Revision Sessions – An Opportunity for Independent Silent Study

Well done to everyone who attended one of the revision sessions on a Saturday. Over 100 Year 11 students attended the session on Saturday. We have 2 sessions taking place before Easter, by attending both sessions you could complete 6 hours of revision in a quiet study space.

### How to book a place

Arbor parent app > Clubs section

Saturday revision sessions are an opportunity for Year 11 students to undertake independent silent study in G2 in the Sixth Form. Complimentary hot drinks will be available. You do not need to wear uniform; we do ask that you bring your own revision material and ask that mobile phones are not on desks.

Sessions will be running on the following dates:

- Saturdays 22 and 29 March - 10am to 1pm
- Saturday 26 April - 10am to 1pm
- Saturday 3 May - 10am to 1pm
- Saturday 10 May - this session will be dedicated to English Language and Literature. Further information has been shared with Year 11 students and parents this week. Book your place via Arbor Parent App > Trips

## Information for all students (Years 7 to 11)

### House Competition – KS4 Spelling Competition

Are you in Year 10 or Year 11 with a keen eye for accurate spelling?

We will be running a spelling bee competition. To enter please email Ms Watson on [watsonm@hgs.rklt.co.uk](mailto:watsonm@hgs.rklt.co.uk)



3 rounds of spelling tests – Thursdays after school. Spelling will test a range of difficulty and commonly misspelled words.

- Round 1 – written test on pre-seen words. Full marks takes you to round 2. Thursday 27 March in A22
- Round 2 – top 2 students from this round will go head-to-head
- Round 3 – grand final

Why enter?

- Improve your spelling and oracy skills
- Gain house points
- Prizes include books and treats



### Charity Obstacle Course Fun Run – Wednesday 2 April



#### How to register

- Confirm your team members (teams of 3 or 4 people)
- Agree your team name
- Your form tutor will share the registration form with you on Tuesday during Big Picture
- One team member to complete the [registration form](#)
- Raise money for the school charity - £5 entry fee per person

### Car Free Friday – Friday 28 March

The next Car Free Friday takes place on Friday 28 March.

Get active whilst combating climate change.

By choosing a more sustainable form of transport, you can do your bit to help protect our communities and our planet by tackling climate change. Even if you live too far from school to walk or cycle all the way, you could use another option like taking the school bus, catching public transport or 'Park and Stride', where you are dropped off further from school and walk the final section to school. All these options means fewer vehicles on the road, and helps lower our carbon footprint.

House points will be awarded.



## Food Donations w/c 24 March – Ignis

Next week we will be accepting food donations for local charity, Resurrected Bites. We are asking for students in Ignis House to bring a donation into school w/c 24 March. Donations should be brought to the Atrium before registration.

Suggested donations include:

- Tinned fish, vegetables, fruit or desserts
- Jams and spreads
- Rice and noodles
- Flour
- Biscuits
- Toilet roll, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving foam/gel, shampoo

Please note that items that have been opened, do not have allergens listed or have exceeded their use-by date cannot be accepted.

Thank you for your support.

### Ignis forms:

Year 7 – 7LFH and 7EXR

Year 8 – 8NAM and 8CEL

Year 9 – 9EKT, 9PLB and 9AEB

Year 10 – 10SJA, 10CPM and 10BXD

Year 11 – 11RSS and 11MIW



## Wellbeing and Mental Health Support

Please click [on this link](#) to access more information.

Our school does not tolerate bullying or harassment of any member of our community and all incidents are taken seriously. If you experience or witness this, please use the REACH out form on your iPads to report it.

