

Student Weekly News

w/c 6 January 2025



I would like to thank you for how positively you have embraced your learning this term, it was a privilege to see the celebration assemblies this week and see many of you achieving special prizes at the awards evening. You should be proud of your achievements.

We have been delighted to see so many wider curricular activities taking place across sports, music, science and creative arts. Please do look at the [new timetable](#) that will start on our return in January to select the activities you would like to attend during the Spring term.

I hope that you will take time to relax and have a well-deserved break over the Christmas break with your family.

All the staff at HGS wish you a very happy Christmas and all the very best for 2025. **Mr Renton, Headteacher**

Click on the links below to access the recent newsletters:

- [HGS Newsletter Autumn edition](#)
- [PE Autumn Newsletter](#)
- [Christmas Poem Competition](#) – winning entry



Festive Stocking Fillers – recommended reads

Looking for a new book to read, [click here](#) for the latest recommended reads

Key Dates in January

Date/Time	Event	Year Group
Monday 6 January	Start of Spring Term – doors open 8.40am	All years
Wed 8 Jan to Fri 17 Jan	Year 11 speaking tests	Year 11
Thursday 9 or Friday 10 January	Trip to The Deep Year 8	Year 8
Monday 13 January	Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day	Year 11
Monday 13 January	Year 10 DofE Bronze Student meeting 3.45pm, Main Hall	Year 10
Wednesday 15 January	Year 10 DofE Bronze Parent meeting, 6pm, Main Hall	Year 10
Thursday 16 January	Year 9 Parents Information Evening, 6pm, Main Hall	Year 9
Friday 17 January	GCSE Science Live	Year 11

Assemblies' w/c 6 January

Year Group	Date	Time	Location	Theme
8	Mon 6 Jan	8.50am	Main Hall	Spring 1 Term – Respect Pledge and Work Ethic
10	Tue 7 Jan	8.50am and P1		
11	Wed 8 Jan	8.50am		
9	Thu 9 Jan	8.50am		
7	Fri 10 Jan	8.50am Period 4 –		
7		Year 7		

Main School
Social Accounts



Sixth Form
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Sports Fixtures w/c 6 January

Date	Sport	Age	Opposition	Home/ Away	Meet Time	Start Time	Return to HGS
Wednesday	Netball	U16 & 3 rd team	Harrogate Ladies	Home	3pm	3.30pm	4.30pm
Thursday	Netball	U15ABC	Woodhouse Grove	Away	1pm	2.30pm	5pm

Wet Lunch locations

Year Group	Location	Year Group	Location
7	Classrooms A17 to A23	8	Hall
9	Gym 2	10	Sports Hall
11	Atrium and A13 plus A14		

Information for Year 11 students

Applications to HGS Sixth Form and Sixth Form Taster Day

You can access the application form using the link below:

- [Sixth Form application form](#)
- [Sixth Form prospectus](#)

All Year 11 students should have received an email from Applica on Thursday 24 October detailing their user name and temporary password to allow them to access the application form. Please select 'Existing User' when logging on, your username is your HGS email address. The deadline for applications is **Friday 7 February 2025**.



Year 11 Taster Day in Sixth Form – Monday 13 January

Details of your timetable for the day will be shared with you by Friday 10 January.

Dress code for the day: Students are expected to dress smartly and appropriately for learning, no jeans, trainers or hoodies.

What to bring: a pencil case, notebook and fully charged iPad

Students will be able to purchase refreshments in G2 at break and lunch times, this can be purchased via their cashless catering accounts.

Information for all students (Years 7 to 11)

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Spring Term – new timetable available

We are delighted to share with you the new extra-curricular PE and Sports timetable covering the Spring Term. Please ask your parents to book a space for you on any of the clubs that would like to attend. Places can be booked via the Arbor Parent App and clicking on Clubs.

Clubs will commence from Monday 6 January. [Link to PE/Sport Spring Timetable](#)

Charity Shop Donations MIND

As our school charity this year we would like to support MIND by donating to the MIND Charity shop in Knaresborough.

The Christmas break might be a good time to clear out your cupboards and donate preloved clothes, shoes, books, homeware, linen, toys or games.

Please can you bring any items you wish to donate to Miss Gee's office in the first week back and donations will be made on Friday.



Christmas Concert

Click on the link below to watch the Christmas Concert. Thank you to Alex Stanhope for filming and editing the video.
[HGS Christmas Concert](#)

Wellbeing and Mental Health Support over the Festive Period

Let's keep this going for all the people who are going through a tough time.

For anyone who needs some support right now. ❤️

CALM - 0800585858
Mind - 03001233393
No Panic - 08449674848
Bereavement - 08088081677
PAPYRUS - 08000684141
Samaritans - 116 123
SHOUT - Text SHOUT to 85258
Abuse - 0808 2000 247
Refuge - 020 7395 7700

Stay safe this Christmas.

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

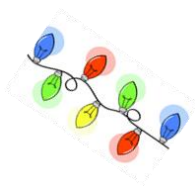
REACH out

Every member of our community has the right to learn and work in a safe and caring environment to realise their true potential. We are a community which values respect and positive relationships. School should be a place of tolerance where everyone is free from harassment, humiliation, intimidation and abuse. Our collective responsibility is, through positive actions and with mutual respect, to protect and maintain such an environment. Therefore, 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.



How to be sustainable this Christmas

- Turn off Christmas lights in daylight and when you go to bed
- Recycle boxes and bottles
- Plan meals using leftover food
- Buy long lasting gifts
- Use local shops to buy produce (meat/vegetables)
- Gift old presents and toys to charity shops to give new life to them
- Shut curtains to keep the heat in
- [Recycle wrapping paper](#)



House Competitions – Spring 2025

We are excited to launch two new House Competitions for the Spring Term:

- House Chess competition
- House Chant competition

House points available. Do get involved to earn points for your house.

HOUSE CHESS COMPETITION

SIGN UP BEFORE THURSDAY 10 JANUARY

Sign up for the competition at Chess Club.

Thursday lunchtimes in A48





AQUA
Water



VENTUS
Air



TERRA
Earth



IGNIS
Fire

Come along to win points for your house!
All years welcome



Incredible Ignis!

Sports Day

Go Ventus!

Bizarre Bazaar

House assemblies

Cross Country

House Chants

Create your own house chant.
Leave a mark on your school community

FINAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION -
FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY

Voting will commence on **20th January** and votes must be in by end of that week on **Friday 24th January**.

House football

House netball



Amazing aqua!

Terrific Terra!

