



# Parent Bulletin

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Top 3 items for students to focus on this week:



Top 3 things we have asked students to focus on:

- 1. "If you talk to a person in a language they understand, that goes to their head. If you talk to them in their language that goes to their heart." Nelson Mandela. European Day of Languages this week!
- 2. "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence therefore is not an act, but a habit." Aristotle.
- 3. "Cycling goals, like all goals in life, are achieved not by strength, but by perseverance!"

# Dates for Your Diary

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Important Dates:

- <u>UCI Race championships</u> Friday 27 September, school will close early at 2.35pm
- Tuesday 1 October and Wednesday 2 October Prospective Parents Open Evenings
- Staff Training Day Wednesday 2 October school closed

All upcoming events, term dates and holidays:

Link to school web calendar







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## Information



UCI road race championships



Please click here for our latest information regarding the UCI road race championships.

#### Key information:

- Normal school times: Monday to Thursday
  Friday, school will close at 2.35pm
- Please note that all extra-curricular activities that usually take place after school are cancelled for w/c 23 September.
- If your child is absent from school, please follow our normal absence procedures by contacting:

Years 7 to 11: 01423 535635Sixth Form: 01423 535236

- Bus Services: Although we have received confirmation that all bus services will operate, we want to ensure that we support families during this period of significant road closures by giving students the option to remain supervised in school until 6pm. This gives parents/carers the option to opt out of using bus services that face the most significant delays so that you can collect your child. This facility is available on **Tuesday and Wednesday** when there is significant disruption for those living North of Harrogate. Students who wish to stay in school after 3:30pm on Tuesday and Wednesday should report to the Hub.
- The hub will be open each morning at 8am should your child arrive early to school.

#### **UCI Championships – weekend races (Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 September)**



Are you planning on watching the UCI championship races in Harrogate?

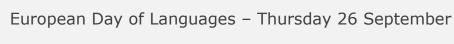
If so, the Harrogate Grammar School car park will be open for use on Saturday 28 September 9am to 6pm and Sunday 29 September 8am to 6pm. Parking will be £5 per car towards our PTA.

Please note: Otley Road will be closed as part of the race route, so access to the car park will be from the Arthur's Avenue / Pannal Ash Road end only.

For more information about the race routes and timings, please visit <a href="https://worlds.yorkshire.com/spectator-quide/">https://worlds.yorkshire.com/spectator-quide/</a>







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We will be celebrating European Day of Languages on Thursday 26 September at lunchtime in the Main Hall. All students in Year 7 and 8 are welcome to come and try some FREE typically European food, but only if they ask for it in a foreign language. There will also be foreign music, an interactive Kahoot quiz and prizes and lots of other fun. For the quiz, students can use their iPad or a mobile phone. Please encourage Year 7 and 8 students to come along to the Main Hall at lunchtime on Thursday to enjoy celebrating European Day of Languages! (Mr Stipetic)



Bake for Macmillan

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Following on from the success of last year, when we raised over £600, we will be hosting Macmillan Bake Sales throughout the week to see if we can raise even more money for this great cause.

To do this we need as many fantastic bakers as possible to bring along baked goods (can be shop bought if you really dislike baking) and bring money to donate by buying the delicious cakes and bakes. Please can you encourage your son/daughter to participate in this worthwhile event.

If they would like to buy these lovely treats they can go along to any of the bake sales and if they are bringing baked goods, we are asking that they bring them on the same day as the rest of their year group:

- Year 9 and Year 10 Wednesday 25th September (at Break in the Hall)
- Year 8 Thursday 26th September (at Break in the Hall)
- Year 7 and Year 11 Friday 27th September (at Break in the Hall)
- Sixth Form Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September (at Lunch in G2)

It would be brilliant if we could beat last year's total! (Mrs Chesworth)

## Extra-Curricular Activities

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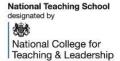


Please note that all extra-curricular activities that usually take place after school are cancelled for w/c 23 September.

Please click on the following link to access the extra-curricular timetable for the Autumn term. Extra-curricular Activities (Autumn Term)

Further details regarding the PE extra-curricular programme can be found here: PE Extra-Curricular Parent Guide

The Learning Resource Centre will now be open after school until 4pm on Mondays, and until 6pm Tuesdays-Fridays









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\*\*NEW\*\* Update to UCI World Race Championships – updated information regarding the world cycle race taking place w/c 23 September in Harrogate. Please click <a href="here">here</a> to access the letter.

Year 8 HPV vaccination for boys and girls, please click here to access.

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# Sporting Events w/c 23 September 2019



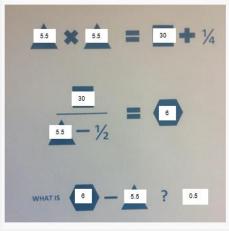
Date	Sport	Opposition	Age Group	Venue Home/Away	Meet/Depart Time	Start/KO	Return to HGS (approx.)
Thu 26 Sept	Tennis	Aegon North Finals	Girls/Boys U14	Away	9am	10am	4.30pm

## Maths - Puzzler

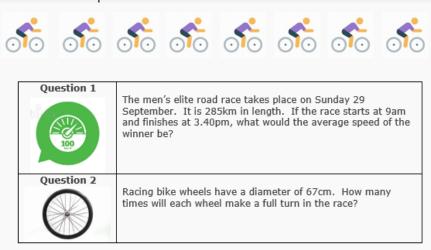
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#### Last week's solution:



#### This week's puzzle:











# Languages - Word a Day

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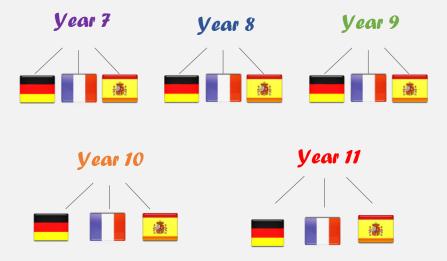
Help your child learn a word a day!

Parents and carers often ask us what they could do if wanting to support their son/daughter's language learning at home. Our best suggestion is our "Word a Day" initiative.

We encourage parents and carers to routinely test students at home on the vocabulary listed for the appropriate week. These words will form part of what is being covered in lessons and if good habits for learning the words and phrases are promoted. Over time, students will have increased knowledge, they will understand the language better, they will be able to write and speak the language better, and they will enjoy more success in assessments and exams. To be particularly effective in the long-term, it is important to keep revisiting the vocabulary sets from earlier in the year, on top of the list for the given week.

If students manages a word/phrase a day for the 39 weeks of the school year that would be 273 words learnt, or 1365 over the five years of 7-11. Knowing this many words would have an extremely positive impact on their progress and it requires learning just one word a day.

Please use the links below (click on the flags) to access the words for week 3 and 4 (these links are also provided within the student bulletin each week).



## **Current Vacancies**



#### Vacancies

Current vacancies within Red Kite Learning Trust can be found at: <a href="www.rklt.co.uk/vacancies/">www.rklt.co.uk/vacancies/</a>

Network Technician at Harrogate Grammar School - closing date Thursday 24 October

Attendance Improvement Officer (temporary 1 year) at Temple Moor High School, Leeds – closing date Monday 23 September

Teaching Assistant (temporary 1 year) at Temple Moor High School, Leeds – closing date Tuesday 24 September







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Dates for your diary:



**PTA Quiz** Friday 18th October Main Hall 7.30pm. Always a sell-out, our very popular quiz is a highlight on the social calendar. Pit your wits against the other teacher and parent teams to ensure your place on our leader board.

Click here to book your place!



**PTA AGM** Tuesday 5 November 630pm in the Sixth Form. A look back on a successful year, voting in PTA officers and a chance to hear about future plans.

**Christmas Shopping Evening** Thursday 21st November Main Hall 7pm. After a very successful first year in 2018, this promises to be bigger and better. Last year's stallholders included Slinsby's Gin, Pure Cashmere, Wright and Green Candles, Temple Spa, And Chocolate, Coin it In and Jarfull. It was a wonderfully festive evening and provides a great opportunity to stock up early.



**Christmas Party night** Friday 29th November Masonic Hall, Harrogate 7pm. Join us at this beautiful venue for a top class 3 course dinner and dancing until late.

Further details on all of our events will be posted in the Friday bulletin and on Facebook at HGS PTA and on twitter @HarrogateGS. If you need to get in touch with the PTA please email hgs.pta@hotmail.com or call/text Kirsty on 07800 756818.





Life @ HGS



The big reveal....the school Musical this year will be.....watch the video below



Link to video: HGS Musical 2019/20 reveal

Well done to the Senior netball team who are through to the next round of the National Netball Cup, and the U13/14 boys tennis team who won their match against Bradford Grammar. A tough game against St John Fisher saw an impressive win for our 1st XV rugby team.





Our Art and Design are getting ready for the UCI world road race....













# HGS LRC Book

# Recommendations





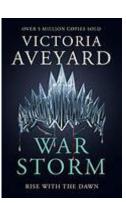




The Reds are commoners, ruled by a Silver elite in possession of god-like superpowers. And to Mare Barrow, a seventeen-year-old Red girl from the poverty-stricken Stilts, it seems like nothing will ever change.

That is, until she finds herself working in the Silver Palace. Here, surrounded by the people she hates the most, Mare discovers that, despite her red blood, she possesses a deadly power of her own...





More good reads.

# This Weeks New Arrivals .....



In Stormchaser and Lincoln's ruined world, the only way to survive is to risk everything. To face a contest more dangerous than anyone can imagine. And they will do ANYTHING to win.

But in a land full of monsters - both human and reptilian - they can't afford to trust anyone. Perhaps not even each other...

Hunger games meets Jurassic park...



Everyone loves Eva. Beautiful, bright, fun, generous - she's perfect. So when her body is found in a ditch in the local woods the only thing anyone wants to know is: Who could have done this? It has to be Luke, her boyfriend. He has the motive, the means, the opportunity and he's no stranger to the police. Even though the picture is incomplete, the pieces fit. But as time passes, stories change. Who could have done this? You decide. It Ends With You is clever and compulsive. It challenges preconceptions, makes you second-guess yourself with each chapter, and it holds an uncomfortable mirror up to the way societies and systems treat outsiders.



In a sealed-off city, a young woman, Lena, is running for her life. She has been sentenced to death and her only way to survive is to trust those she has been brought up to fear - those with magic. On the other side of the locked gates is a masked lady, Constance, determined to find a way back in. Years ago she escaped before her own powers were discovered. But now she won't hide who she is any longer. A powerful and terrifying storm cloud engulfs the city. But this is more than a thunderstorm. This is a spell, and the truth behind why it has been cast is more sinister than anyone can imagine





# Sixth Form Progression Information

This information sheet forms part of the Sixth Form Bulletin which students received every Monday morning



## University Taster Events and Open Days

For more information please click the following links:

University Taster Events

Open Days

London University Taster Days



Stand out in a Global Market St George's Centre, Leeds Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Talks and workshops will take place alongside an exhibition, with topics to be covered ranging from how to make the most of international experience at home and abroad, gap year options, applying to universities overseas and the impact Brexit may have on students' plans.



#### Year 7-11

**Medicine Discovery Session** – an introduction to the concept of problem based learning and to find out more about studying medicine at university.

15 January 2020 - Hull - 12:30pm to 2:45pm 5 February 2020 - Hull - 12:30pm to 2:45pm

#### Year 7, 8 and Year 9

**Medicine Discovery Days** – find out more about what it takes to become a doctor and to have a go at some interactive activities.

Dates: to available from December

### Year 12

#### **Making Connections**

**Dates** 

6 and 13 November – Hull – 12.30pm to 2.30pm 22 and 29 January – Hull – 12.30pm to 2.30pm

#### Year 13 Mock Interviews

Dates:

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Hull – 10am to 5pm Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – York – 10am to 5pm Click here for more information and to apply





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