



YEAR 7 INFORMATION PACK

Welcome to Harrogate High School

2023 - 2024



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WELCOME TO HARROGATE HIGH SCHOOL

We are very pleased to be able to offer you a warm welcome on joining our school. We wish your child every success in their studies and we hope they will settle quickly into life at Harrogate High School. We are sure they will soon feel a strong sense of belonging and grow in confidence to feel able to partake in day-to-day activities.

We are committed to putting your child's learning first, to high expectations for student and staff and to improving life chances of our young people.

We look forward to celebrating with you your child's future achievements and progress.

In this pack, you will find information regarding the transition process including key dates that you will need over the coming months.

We look forward to meeting all our new students before they start with us in September and will be thrilled to see them when they join us for three important transition days on **Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th July 2023** (further details included within this booklet).



Mr S Gill
Headteacher



Mrs L Greenwood
Deputy Headteacher

VISION AND VALUES

To achieve excellence for all, the whole school culture that underpins 'Learning first' is founded on 5 core values which form the backbone of Harrogate High School. These values are qualities we expect every individual in our organisation to display and strive towards.



Courage



Aspiration



Respect



Equality



Self control

Courage	We face new challenges with bravery. We learn from our mistakes and grow back stronger.
Aspiration	We have ambition for our futures and understand how we can contribute to life in modern Britain.
Respect	We treat others as we wish to be treated ourselves. We follow instructions from all first time, every time.
Equality	We respect the diversity of the world and can engage with different views in considered ways.
Self Control	We understand and can control our own emotions to help us be actively responsible citizens who contribute positively to society.

PASTORAL CARE

At Harrogate High School we operate a tiered approach to our **Pastoral and Inclusion** provision which helps us to ensure we develop well rounded and emotionally resilient young people. In order to do this we have invested in our **Achievement Team** and built a highly skilled team, which comprises of:

- **Form Tutors** - there will be five tutors overseeing the Year 7 groups.
- **A Student Support Officer for each year group** - this will be Miss T McWilliams.
- **A Medical Lead and Mental Health Champion** - this will be Miss V Green.

Furthermore, the wider team includes:

- **Mrs H Ashton-Braithwaite** - Assistant Headteacher, SENDCO and Inclusion
- **Mr M Dixon** - Assistant Headteacher - Attitudes and Engagement
- **Mrs K Head** - Inclusion Manager
- **Mr C Fenton** - Attendance Manager





CURRICULUM

We believe in following a curriculum rich in knowledge and experience, underpinned by rigorous assessment and opportunities to excel in a wide range of areas such as sport, the arts and technology. We are very proud of our commitment to offer students a broad and balanced curriculum across a wide range of subjects which reflects students' aspirations and future local, national and international career opportunities.

We are an inclusive and diverse community that respects others' differences and promotes understanding and tolerance of others' beliefs; this is underpinned by our robust PSHCE curriculum.

Our Key Stage 3 curriculum is flexible enough to challenge and extend the more able learners whilst providing additional support, particularly in the key areas of numeracy and literacy, for those who need it.

During Year 7, students will undertake the full breadth of subjects as follows:

Art	Dance	Drama
English	Geography	History
Computer Science	Mathematics	Music
Physical Education	PSHCE	Religious Education
Science	Technology	MFL



UNIFORM

At Harrogate High School, we have high standards with regards to uniform. Uniform is available from Rawcliffes on East Parade, Harrogate. Jackets, shirts, skirts and trousers together with PE shirts are badged items and may not be substituted for non-badged items. See below for our full uniform requirements.

COMPULSORY HHS UNIFORM

- Harrogate High School blazer
- Black trousers or skirt (no body-con skirts, mini skirts or leggings)
- White collared long or short sleeved shirt
- Harrogate High School clip-on-tie
- Black socks or tights
- Plain black shoes – no trainers, boots, pumps or other fabric shoes will be allowed

COMPULSORY PE UNIFORM

- Black and purple Harrogate High School sports top
- Plain black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Harrogate High School sports hoodie
- Harrogate High School black base layer
- Black sports socks
- Supportive trainers (no canvas pumps)

All items of school uniform are available from: Rawcliffes Schoolwear Centre: East Parade, Harrogate (Tel: 01423 504130). The shop is open from 9.00 to 5.30 Monday to Saturday.



(Above) HHS Uniform



(Above) PE Uniform

Uniform Costs

Blazer with Logo - Black	to 29" Chest £29.50		30" to 33" Chest £30.50		34" Chest upwards £33.00	
Knitted Pullover with Logo - Black (Boys)	Up to Small Adult £18.00			Medium Adult up £20.00		
Knitted Pullover with Logo - Black (Girls)	Up to Small Adult £18.00			Medium Adult up £20.00		
School Tie (Clip On)	Black/Purple/Gold			16" £5.50		19" £6.50
Shirt/Blouses with Logo - Short or Long Sleeve - White (2 Pack)	To 30" Chest 13" Collar £16.00	32" Chest 13.5 Collar £17.00	34" to 40" Chest 14" to 15.5" Collar £18.00		42" Chest up 16" Collar £19.00	
Pencil Skirt with Logo - Black - Various Lengths	No Junior in This Style		Up to 26" Waist £20.00		28" Waist up £21.00	
Pleated Skirt with Logo - Black - Various Lengths	Junior £17.50		Up to 26" Waist £20.00		28" Waist up £21.00	
Girls Trousers with Logo - Black - New Style Slim Leg	Junior £16.00		To 27" Waist £18.00		28" & Above £19.00	
Boys Trousers with Logo Black Different Styles Available	Junior £17.00		To 27" Waist £18.00		28" Waist up £19.00	

For PE

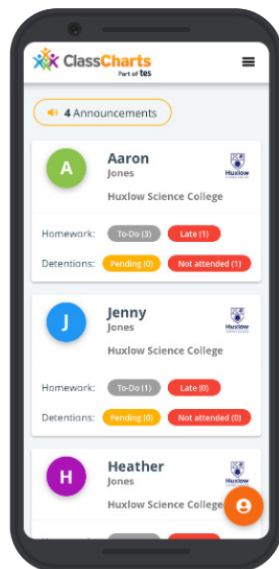
Athletic Pants (Leggings) (Optional) Girls Navy with Logo	To 12/13yr £18.00	Small adult up £20.00	
Training Trousers for Boys (Optional) - New Style with Logo Navy	To 26/28" Waist £18.00	28/30" Waist up £20.00	
PE Hoodie (Unisex) Black/Purple with Logo	Up to Age 12/13 (XS) £19.00	Small Adult up £21.00	
PE Top Unisex & Fitted New Style - Black/ Purple with Logo	Up to 32/34" Chest £13.50	34/36" Chest £15.50	
Skins New This Year (Optional) - Black with Logo	Up to age 12/13 £18.50	X Small up £20.00	
Shorts (Unisex) - Black Plain	All Sizes	£7.00	
Sports Socks (Unisex)- Black Plain	Up to Shoe 2.5 £4.50	3 to 5.5 Shoe £5.00	6 to 11 Shoe £5.50

HOME SCHOOL LIAISON

Class Charts is the programme teachers use to record praise and rewards, homework and behaviour concerns.



Students and parents have the ability to log into this programme via a downloadable app, to look at their own progress, to help organise and manage their homework and to observe comments left by teachers. Parents are able to monitor their child's progress in real time and this helps to inform dialogue about school in the home.



PARENTS' EVENINGS

We hold parent consultations using an online platform called **School Cloud**. Parents are able to book appointments with a number of teachers at times that are convenient for them. Parents can then attend each meeting from home with or without their child present.



SAFEGUARDING

Harrogate High School takes its responsibilities for safeguarding children seriously and is fully committed to keeping children safe and protecting them from harm. We have appropriate policies and robust procedures in place that reflect and detail our safeguarding arrangements and how actions are taken in a timely manner to safeguard and promote our students' welfare, safety and health by fostering an honest, open, caring and supportive climate.

All staff are aware of their statutory responsibilities with respect to safeguarding and are trained in recognising and reporting safeguarding issues.

The academy's designated safeguarding team is listed below:

Mrs L Greenwood
Mrs H Ashton-Braithwaite

Lead DSL, Deputy Headteacher
Deputy DSL, Assistant Headteacher

Mr M Dixon
Ms V Green
Mrs G Dickinson
Miss I Crossley

Assistant Headteacher
School Nurse and Mental Health Lead
Family Support and Wellbeing Worker
Student Support Administrator

If you wish to discuss any safeguarding issues with a Designated Safeguarding Lead, please contact us at safeguarding@hhs.nsat.org.uk leaving your name and contact details and a member of the team will make contact with you.



TERM DATES FOR 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Training day (school closed for students)	Monday 4 September 2023
Training day (school closed for students)	Tuesday 5 September 2023
Autumn Term 1 starts (for all students)	Wednesday 6 September 2023
Training day (school closed for students)	Friday 27 October 2023
Half Term	Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November 2023 (inclusive)
Autumn Term 2 starts (for all students)	Monday 6 November 2023
Break for Christmas holidays	Friday 22 December 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

Spring Term 1 starts (for all students)	Monday 8 January 2024
Half Term	Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February 2024 (inclusive)
Spring Term 2 starts (for all students)	Monday 19 February 2024
Easter Holidays	Monday 25 March - Friday 5 April 2024 (inclusive)

SUMMER TERM 2024

Summer Term 1 starts (for all students)	Monday 8 April 2024
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May 2024, Monday 27 May 2024
Half Term	Tuesday 28 May - Friday 31 May 2024 (inclusive)
Summer Term 2 starts (for all students)	Monday 3 June 2024
Training day (school closed for students)	Monday 22 July 2024
School closes for summer holidays	Tuesday 23 July 2024

PARENT FAQs

1. Will we get to meet with staff in person and get to see inside the school building?

A. This year we are pleased to say that we can host parents, carers and family members in school. We have planned to invite parents into school for an information evening where you will be able to meet Mr Gill and other members of the Senior Leadership Team. This will also be an opportunity to come into the school and see some of our wonderful facilities.

2. Will my child be in the same tutor group as their friends from primary school?

A. We have students joining us from a large number of different primary schools. Students will be allocated to one of five different form groups. We will mix students up so that most students will be with someone from their primary school and in some cases, primary schools often assist us where they have information which will support students to settle. However, we are not able to take parental preference on this matter as it is logistically too challenging.

3. What are dinners like at Harrogate High School?

A. We are proud of the quality of food being served at break times and lunch times, we have recently changed our catering provider and the range and standard of food have significantly improved. If your child has any allergies or special dietary requirements, you will be provided an opportunity to share this with us in due course.

4. My child has additional needs. What extra help will they get?

A. Inclusion is a core value at Harrogate High School and we have very high expectations of all of our students, whatever their additional needs. Our SENDCO will meet with the SENDCO of your child's primary school to make sure that we understand your child's individual needs and to plan any support that needs to be in place to allow your child to access a full and varied curriculum.

5. What equipment will my child need?

A. All students need a bag which is big enough to hold a PE kit or an A4 folder. All students will be provided with a school planner to help them record and organise their homework. In addition to this, students are required to bring a pencil case everyday which contains essential stationery such as a blue or black pen, a pencil, a ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener. We also ask that students carry a calculator (Casio FX-85GTX) and bring a reading book with them every day.

6. Will my child be set homework?

A. Each year group in school has a homework timetable, this informs both students and parents of when homework will be set for each subject. The purpose of the timetable is to manage the frequency of homework being set and to prevent students from being overwhelmed. When a teacher sets a piece of homework they will log it on Classcharts, this can be accessed by both student and parent; it is displayed with a description of the task/s and the deadline. When a student returns the completed task to their teacher, it will be acknowledged and marked as 'received'.

STUDENT FAQs

1. What will transition days be like?

A. Transition days are a fun induction to life at Harrogate High School. You will get the chance to meet new friends, our welcoming and enthusiastic staff and experience our modern facilities. We design a range of fun filled activities across three days to help you get an enriching experience of all that we offer. We know that this will be a daunting few days so we put a lot in place to help you feel comfortable and relaxed so you can get the most out of your time with us. We will send out more details about transition days closer to the time and then you will be able to get a feel for what to expect.

2. Will I get to be with my friends?

A. Our friends are really important to us as they help us to feel safe and confident. Starting a new school is an opportunity to meet new people and to form new friendships. You will be in classes with people you know and people that you don't know, make sure you show people your personality and new and positive friendships will be able to form.

3. Are there any clubs that I can join?

A. At Harrogate High School we have a huge range of extra curricular activities, there is definitely something for everyone to enjoy. We have sporting clubs and teams, performing arts groups that include dance, drama, singing and music bands, a science club, a debating society and many more.

4. Can ride my bike or scooter to school?

A. Absolutely, we encourage our students to use healthy and environmentally friendly methods of getting to school. We have a number of bike shelters where you can lock up your bike or scooter and where it can remain safe throughout the day. We do encourage all students that use bikes and scooters to wear appropriate safety equipment and to be extremely vigilant when riding near traffic.

5. What happens if I get lost?

A. This is the most asked question by any year 6 student or new year 7 and the answer is, don't worry! Getting used to a new building that is much bigger than the school you are used to is challenging. It takes a little whilst to get used to the layout of the school and to know where you are going but you will learn this within a few days or weeks. If you do get lost, ask someone for help, our staff and students will always be on hand to support you and show you the right way to go.

6. Who can I talk to if I am having a bad day? Is there support available?

A. No matter how much we enjoy school, we can all have an off day. If you are having a difficult time there are a number of people who can help you. You will get to know your form tutor really well and will be able to share your concerns with them. In addition, your SSO will be on hand to help you with any challenges you might be facing. You can also speak with Miss Green, our nurse or your SLT year group link. Whatever happens, there is always a lot of support for you.

TRANSITION TIMELINE AND EVENTS

01

Data Collection Form Issue Day

Tuesday 6th June 2023

We will be sending all parents/carers a form to complete which asks for key information about your child. This is information that we must hold on file in order to admit your child, it will include details such as key family contacts, medical information etc.

02

Headteacher's Welcome Video

Monday 12th June 2023

Your first chance to hear directly from our Headteacher via a recorded message, which we will share via our school website on the dedicated Year 6 Transition page.

03

Parent Information Evening

Monday 12th June 2023

We know how important it is to speak personally with school staff and therefore we want to invite parents and carers into school to hear directly from our Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team. At this event we aim to provide you with a wealth of information about the school and hope to answer any questions you might have.

04

Literacy Project Launch

w/c 12th June 2023

This year we are running a literacy project that will help students engage in text and prepare for their English curriculum in September. All students will be loaned a copy of the book *Wonder* by R J Palacio and provided with a booklet in which they can complete tasks. This booklet can be returned to their English teacher in September.



05

Data Collection Deadline

Thursday 29th June 2023

We will request that all data collection forms are returned to us by this date so as to allow us to update our school systems ready for September.

06

Transition Days

10th, 11th and 12th July 2023

We are inviting all of our new students into school to share in a three day experience of secondary school. This will involve lots of exciting activities and opportunities to meet with key members of staff. Students will get the opportunity to experience different learning environments and start to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings. NB. These days will be dependent on Government guidelines at the time and more information will be provided in due course.

07

Student Q & A with the Headteacher

Wednesday 19th July 2023

Following on from the transition days, students will be bursting with questions about the coming year. Therefore, we will host a live online Q&A session via Microsoft Teams so that all students have the opportunity to join and to find out everything they need to feel ready for September.

08

Year 7 SLT Link Live

Thursday 24th August 2023

We know that the Summer can be a long time away from school and for some students this can build nervousness and apprehension. Therefore, just before the new term commences, all students will be invited to a live meeting with their year group Senior Leader who will go through the plans and logistics for the new term. They will answer any questions and support with first day anxiety.





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