



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Autumn Term 1

Friday 11th October 2024

Harrogate
High School

Our CARES Values



Courage



Aspiration



Respect



Equality



Self Control

Learning First

Message from the Headteacher

As usual, we have had a busy week at school. I had the opportunity to visit several local primary schools, where I met with prospective students to share insights about life at Harrogate High School. During these visits, I felt a deep sense of pride as I showcased a short clip featuring our students discussing their experiences. They described our school using words like "caring," "friendly," "supportive," and "inclusive," all of which embody our CARES Values.

We also welcomed parents to the Parents' Forum and the literacy event last night. I want to extend my gratitude to those who attended. It was lovely to receive the positive feedback. One parent expressed their gratitude at the way school has supported their child since arriving into Year 7. "We are delighted how our child has settled especially after the difficulties he had at primary school. But all the staff's patience and the way in which he has been supported has transformed him. Thank you, all the staff have been wonderful."

At the literacy event, Mrs Rees spoke passionately about the importance of literacy, emphasising that literacy skills are the foundation for all learning and essential for success in school. These skills not only foster critical thinking and problem-solving abilities but are also vital for effective communication and social interaction.

A significant factor contributing to the achievement gap between high and low-performing students is vocabulary. Studies show that differences in the quality of children's conversations and the use of advanced vocabulary can have lasting effects on their academic performance. Supporting literacy is, therefore, a priority at Harrogate High School.

As Friedrich Nietzsche aptly stated, "*All I need is a sheet of paper and something to write with, and then I can turn the world upside down.*" This quote serves as a reminder of the power of written expression and the limitless possibilities that come with literacy.

A reminder for students interested in applying to be part of our student leadership team. The deadline for submission is the end of next week, on October 18th. Please apply using the link below and we look forward to receiving the applications and developing a team that can make a positive impact on the school community.

Wishing you all a positive weekend.

Mr Gill
Head of Academy



Restart a Heart Training

Once again, we are looking forward to welcoming the Yorkshire Ambulance Service to school on Wednesday the 16th of October for the annual 'restart a heart event' for our Year 7 cohort, learning lifesaving CPR skills.

The aims of the training is to educate students on how to perform CPR, use a defibrillator, and call 999 if someone collapses. Many studies have shown that the likelihood of surviving a cardiac arrest increases significantly when someone nearby knows and performs CPR. Early CPR can double or even triple the chances of survival.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club students had asked Mr Leddon to take them to McDonalds for McMuffins. Rather than do this, Mrs Leddon decided they would recreate them in Breakfast Club instead!

They made a shopping list and ordered what was needed. The students were fantastic, and all pulled together to make this in 40 minutes! When Mr Dilasser arrived (he's a qualified chef) they roped him into making the eggs and he was very good at it.

Mrs Leddon said "I think the students viewed this morning as a success and there were no leftovers! We talked about how it is important to be economical and save money, especially with the cost of living crisis we are experiencing."

They worked out that if they had gone to McDonalds it would have cost around £42.00 to buy what the students had to eat. The ingredients they used cost approximately £8.00, thus saving around £34.00 by making the food themselves! The students could not believe how much we saved and found it really fun to do.

A good life lesson!



McMuffins

	Name	Saus	Bacon	Egg	Cheese	Hash brown
£1.49	Hayden	✓	✓		✓	
£1.49	Toby	✓	✓			✓
£1.49	Freddie	✓			✓	✓
£1.49	Phoenix		✓		✓	✓
£1.49	Terry		✓			✓
£1.49	Rory	✓		✓		
£1.49	Leighton	✓	✓			✓

Cyber Switch Up 2024 A Competition You Can't Miss!

Are you a student who is passionate about digital and cyber skills? Join the Cyber Switch Up 2024 competition!

The online qualifier will take place on Wednesday 16th October at 2:30 pm in Room 106.

Everyone who enters will receive a certificate, and top performers will get the chance to compete in the finals at Sheffield Hallam University on 26th November, with exciting prizes and trophies up for grabs!

For more information please visit <https://cyberswitch-up.net/>

It's completely free to take part – just collect a letter and consent form from any computing teacher and get involved. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity!



Back to school: Emotional health resources

Teenager's behaviour often tells us about where they are emotionally. If you're interested in learning more about reading behaviour and maybe improving your teen's behaviour, you can access specialist online courses in emotional health on www.inourplace.co.uk.

They have specialist courses for parents including resources on understanding your teenager's brain development as well as tailored courses for understanding your child with additional needs. Our school is in a free access area - simply put your postcode in to the 'free access checker' to release free access to all their courses!

Dates for your Diary

October

14th Oct	Yr 7 Settling In Parent Event - online
16th October	Restart a Heart Training
24th Oct	Netball fixture Vs King James' School 4pm Two matches (U13/U14).
28th Oct	Half Term

November

4th Nov	Back to school
	Start of Yr 11 Mock Exams

December

2nd Dec	Yr 9 Option Evening, Main Hall
11th Dec	Yr 11 Parent Evening - online
20th Dec	Break up for Christmas



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