










Welcome to Harrogate Grammar School
Year 7 Transition Information Pack
2022-2023

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Welcome to Harrogate Grammar School

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming your child to Harrogate Grammar School (HGS) in September, and starting a successful partnership with you, your child and our school.

In this pack you will find information regarding the transition process including what we would like you, as parents/carers, to do. There is a helpful checklist on the last page with key dates and forms to complete and direction to pages on the school website for further information.

We also enclose a 'Hello' Postcard for your child which includes a welcome from Mrs Ellenthorpe, who will be their Year Manager.

We look forward to meeting all the new students when they visit us for three important transition days on **Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 July 2022.**

In addition, we would like to invite you to join us on the evening of **Thursday 14 July 2022 at 6.30pm.** This meeting is for parents only, where we will provide full information about various arrangements and introduce you to key staff:

- Senior Leadership Team
- Your child's Year 7 form tutor
- Year 7 Manager, Mrs Ellenthorpe
- Representatives of the Parent Teacher Association
- Uniform suppliers, alongside a display of the Year 7 uniform

Please **complete the Admission Form** found on the school website using the instructions contained in this pack. We ask that you complete this as soon as possible, informing us that you are taking up the place allocated to your child.

Our aim is for all our students to enjoy the next chapter in their education. At HGS, we focus on helping each student to become the best they can be by providing a positive, inclusive environment in which young people can find and develop their strengths. We are very proud of the outstanding progress students make with us.

Yours sincerely



Mr N Renton
Headteacher



The HGS Transition Programme

We are very excited to share the HGS Transition Programme that we have planned for our new Year 7 students.

June	<p>Primary School Visits by our Year 7 Manager, Mrs Ellenthorpe</p> <p>An opportunity for your child to meet their Year Manager, Mrs Ellenthorpe in their primary school.</p>
Tuesday 12 July	<p>Transition Days at HGS</p> <p>Three important days for students to experience life at HGS, sample some lessons, meet their new teachers and make new friends in preparation for September. Students should attend all three days. More detailed information about the actual days will be sent nearer the time.</p> <p>Start time: 8.50am (doors open 8.40am) Finish time: 3pm</p>
Wednesday 13 July	
Thursday 14 July	
Thursday 14 July Evening	<p>Parent Information Evening at HGS</p> <p>Start time: 6.30pm Finish Time: 8pm</p>
Saturday 16 July	<p>Mini Sports Morning at HGS</p> <p>Organised by our PE & Sport Faculty, this is a fabulous opportunity for students and parents to meet other families from Year 7. The morning will include a mini sports event for students, followed by a barbeque and refreshments.</p> <p>Start time: 10.20am Finish time: 1.15pm</p>
August (date to be confirmed)	<p>iPad Collection at HGS</p> <p>Further information will be emailed to you regarding the iPad scheme during May.</p>
Tuesday 30 August	<p>Summer School at HGS</p> <p>A further opportunity for students to meet with their new friends, engage in some Drama, Music, Art and Design and PE activities.</p> <p>Start time: 9am Finish time: 1.30pm</p>
Wednesday 31 August	
Thursday 1 September	

Regular communications sent to you and your child

We will regularly keep in contact with you to share more information about your child starting at HGS in September. These will include emails, postcards or videos. We will also provide you with an electronic 'handbook' later in the Summer Term which will contain all the information you need to know ahead of your child starting at HGS in September.

Admissions Form to complete by 1 May

The Admissions form provides the school with important contact details and medical information about your child which will populate our management information system and will be stored securely.

The Admission form also asks if you and your child are attending the Mini Sports Morning (info below) and whether you would be interested in your child attending Summer School (info below).



To complete the form, please visit

<https://harrogategrammar.co.uk/school/admissions/admissions> using the password **2022_HGS** as soon as possible. **Please select 'New Year 7 (Current Year 6)' on the first dropdown list.**

Transition Days – 12, 13 & 14 July 2022

We have arranged for all new students joining us in September to spend three days with us on **Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 July**. This allows them to experience life at HGS, as well as sample lessons and meet their new teachers and the other students. We hope that being in school for these transition days, combined with the mini sports morning, provides reassurance ahead of September.



Tuesday 12 July – Getting to know each other - 8.40am to 3pm

Doors will be open from 8:40am. Students will begin by registering in the Main Hall at 8.50am, where they will find out which form they are in, and who their new classmates will be.

They will meet the Headteacher (Mr Renton), Deputy Headteacher (Mr Milburn), Assistant Headteacher and Director of Lower School (Miss Smith), Year Manager (Mrs Ellenthorpe), and their new form tutor.

From here, a programme of activities will run through the day to enable the students to get to know each other, their form tutor, and begin to find their way around the school.

The students will also experience their first taster lesson, and recap everything they have learnt in their form groups before finishing the school day at **3.00pm**.

Wednesday 13 July and Thursday 14 July – A typical school day – 8.40am to 3pm

Doors will be open from 8:40am. Students will make their way to their form rooms to be registered at 8.50am, where they will receive their ‘taster timetable’.

Using the navigation skills, they have learnt on the previous day’s Treasure Hunt, they will make their way to their first lesson of the day.

Throughout both days, students will spend time in different faculties such as Maths, English, PE, Drama, MFL, Science and the Learning Resource Centre, giving them a flavour of a typical day.

‘Lessons’ will finish for the day at **3.00pm**.

Further details about the Transition Days will be communicated nearer the time.

Mini Sports Morning and Summer School

Mini Sports Morning

Saturday 16 July - 10.20am to 1.15pm

We would like to invite you and your child to attend a mini sports morning which is organised by the PE & Sport Faculty for all students starting in Year 7. This will be held, on the school fields and astro pitch.



A barbeque and refreshments will be available to purchase between activities. This event is a fantastic opportunity for the students to meet their new friends and our PE staff whilst engaging in some fun sporting activities.

Summer School

Tuesday August 30, Wednesday 31 August and Thursday 1 September

9am to 1.30pm

Following the fantastic feedback that we received from our current Year 7 students and parents about the Summer School provision last year, we have made the decision to run a similar event this year for all students who will be starting at HGS in September 2022.

These three days will allow your child to meet with their new friends, experience a range of subjects including Drama, Art and Design, Music, PE and also allow them to familiarise themselves with the school without other year groups in the building.

Encore Music Tuition (optional) to complete by 26 June

Encore! Music Tuition

This is our instrumental and vocal music teaching provision. It has been designed to provide an easy transition for all students to continue with, or to start instrumental and/or vocal lessons when moving from primary school.

Encore! can offer tuition for the following instruments and voices:

Vocals

Woodwind	Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone, Recorder
Brass	Cornet, Trumpet, Tenor Horn, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba
Strings	Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass
Percussion	Drum Kit & Tuned Percussion including Timpani & Glockenspiel
Guitar	Acoustic, Classical, Electric & Bass
Piano	Classical & Jazz
Drama	LAMDA Drama

We offer three individual lesson lengths – 20 minutes at £12.00 per lesson, 30 minutes at £17.75 per lesson or 40 minutes at £22.20 per lesson. Please see our website for information on discounts available.

All lessons are on a one-to-one basis and are held during the school day on a rotational timetable. There is no difference in price to study different instruments.

You can choose to sign up for 6 or 12 lessons enabling your child to try a shorter taster course should they wish.

For more information, including Frequently Asked Questions and Terms & Conditions, please visit harrogategrammar.co.uk/curriculum/extra-curricular/encore which explains the offer in more detail. Enquiries can also be emailed directly to Andy Kemp, the Encore! Lead Teacher at hgsencore@hgs.rklt.co.uk



We encourage you to enrol promptly for lessons to ensure you are offered the instrument and teacher of your choice. Enrolment and payment are required in advance, by visiting our online shop at www.lunchpal.co.uk

School Term & Holiday Dates 2022-2023 for your diary

Autumn Term 1	<u>School Starts</u> Wednesday 7 September
	<u>School Closes</u> Friday 21 October
Half Term	Saturday 22 October – Sunday 30 October
Autumn Term 2	<u>School Starts</u> Monday 31 October
	<u>School Closes</u> Friday 16 December
Christmas	Saturday 17 December – Monday 2 January
Spring Term 1	<u>School Starts</u> Tuesday 3 January
	<u>School Closes</u> Friday 10 February
Half Term	Saturday 11 February – Sunday 19 February
Spring Term 2	<u>School Starts</u> Monday 20 February
	<u>School Closes</u> Friday 31 March
Easter	Saturday 1 April – Sunday 16 April
Summer Term 1	<u>School Starts</u> Monday 17 April
	<u>Bank Holiday</u> Monday 1 May
	<u>School Closes</u> Friday 26 May
Half Term	Saturday 27 May – Sunday 4 June
Summer Term 2	<u>School Starts</u> Monday 5 June
	<u>School Closes</u> Friday 21 July

Staff development days:

- Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 September 2022
- Wednesday 5 October 2022
- Friday 7 July 2023
- Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 July 2023

Checklist – To Complete

We appreciate there is a lot of information to take in. Please find below a helpful checklist of the forms to be completed:

Item to be completed	Deadline	How?	Complete
Admissions Form*	By Sunday 1 May	Complete form online: https://www.harrogategrammar.co.uk/school/admissions/admissions/ Password: 2022_HGS	
Encore! Music Application Form (Optional)	By Sunday 26 June	Sign up online: www.lunchpal.co.uk	

*If you do not have access to a computer or are unable to complete any of the forms online, please contact Reception on 01423 531127.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Events	Times
Thursday 28 April	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale	2.00pm to 3.00pm – main car park
Tuesday 12 July	Transition Day 1	From 8.40am to 3.00pm
Wednesday 13 July	Transition Day 2	From 8.40am to 3.00pm
Thursday 14 July	Transition Day 3	From 8.40am to 3:00pm
Thursday 14 July	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale	2.00pm to 4.00pm - main car park
Thursday 14 July	Parents' Information Evening	6.30pm start
Saturday 16 July	Mini Sports Morning	10.20am to 1.15pm
August TBC	iPads Handed Out	Further information to follow
Tuesday 30 August to Thursday 1 September	HGS Summer School	9.00am to 1.30pm
Wednesday 7 September	First Day at School	Doors open from 8:40am
<i>Students do not need to bring their PE kit for the first day at school</i>		