

Weekly News - 14th November 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE:

This week has been a busy one! Mock practical exams for Year 11 commenced, before the written papers start next week. There were Remembrance assemblies every day, as well as attendance at the local Remembrance Sunday parade, and a visit to the Memorial Garden on Remembrance Day itself. The British Legion was well supported by our students – I was delighted to see so many wearing poppies. We also had a fantastic trip for the A-Level English students who went to the eMagazine A level literature conference. Additionally, 20 of our year 10 and 12 students were trained up as Diversity, Equality and Inclusion mentors by the charitable organisation TogetherAsOne. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone that has supported these events.

The homework timetable is available [here](#). We are keen for all our students to read, or listen to books and have a list of suggested reads [here](#), depending on which subjects/areas students are interested in.

GENERAL NOTICES:

As the exams commence next week, lunchtime will be moved to 12.30-1pm (after Period 3) and will be at this time until 1st December when it will revert to 1.30pm.

Please click [here](#) for the diary for the week commencing 10th November.

A reminder that after school and lunchtime clubs can be booked on SchoolCloud – click [here](#).

YEAR 11

Mock exams begin for all year 11s this Monday (17th). Please click [here](#) for the full timetable.

A reminder that we have our Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 2nd December from 6-8pm. Tickets can be obtained [here](#).

SIXTH FORM

Mock exams begin for all sixth formers this Monday (17th). Please click [here](#) for the timetable.

We have updated our Sixth Form Attendance Guidance with a new staged procedure to support our Sixth Form students in raising their attendance. The expectation is that students will attend at least 96% of the time so that they maximise their learning time and achieve their full potential. The new system allows us to identify students who need support early on, and put the relevant interventions in place. We acknowledge the impact medical needs and additional needs have on attendance and we have ensured that this system is inclusive and means that students are being supported at the right level as quickly as possible.

Please take some time to read the guidance which can be found [here](#) and we thank you in advance for your support throughout your child's time at HGSS Sixth Form.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

HGSS Parents Association "Lucky Numbers Club" runs a monthly charitable draw. Half of the money collected is returned in prize money each month, with the other half being used to buy items for the school.

Each year we offer all parents and friends of the school, the opportunity to purchase up to 3 numbers - the more the numbers you have the greater your chance of winning. The Club runs from September until August of each year.

We have kept the existing £1 per number per month payable in advance. We do hope you will support your child's school in this way, as well as supporting other events we organise. The option to purchase Lucky Numbers is now available from the School Gateway. The costs are as follows:

£12.00 for 1 number per monthly draw for 12 months

£24.00 for 2 numbers per monthly draw for 12 months

£36.00 for 3 numbers per monthly draw for 12 months

Thank you for supporting the school and your children. The deadline for entering the draw will be 31st December 2025. The first draw will be in January, when we will also draw the winners for September to December, so please purchase your Lucky Numbers now.