



A guide to your child's first year at HGSS



The team around your child

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Behaviour Non-Negotiables



Arrive to school and lessons on time



Have a positive Attitude To Learning



Have the correct uniform and equipment



Follow instructions on first request



Respect the whole community

Core Values:
Work Hard
Be Kind
Have Passion

APs

BPs

How do we teach at HGSS



Entry and Exit Routines

Consistent in every classroom



Do Now and Big Picture

Starting with purpose and linking learning



Tracking Attitude to Learning (ATL)

Everyone working hard and thinking hard



Mini-whiteboards

Checking for understanding



Purposeful AFL

Random names, no-hands culture, responsive teaching



Form Time

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Reading theme
Year 7	Assembly (Dining Room)	Reading	You Are Awesome/Equip Check	Reading	Reflection/Equip check	



Student Leadership

- Student Council Representatives
 - Prefects
- Senior Leader Students
- Junior School Council

The logo for HGS (Hertfordshire Girls' School) features the letters 'H', 'G', and 'S' in a stylized, overlapping font. The 'H' is blue, the 'G' is gold, and the 'S' is blue. The letters are connected by flowing lines.

HGS SUSU (Stand up Speak up)

- Resilience
- Inclusivity
- Support with bullying
- Community projects
 - Once a week
- Miss Cheshire (LSA)



Extra-curricular

- Choir
 - FTC Robot Challenge
 - Fun Fitness Rugby
- Language ambassadors club
 - Girls Football
 - HGSS Band Practice
- Library/Homework Club
 - Multi-gym Club
 - Year 7 and 8 Netball
 - Year 7 Football Club
 - Year 7 Netball
- Year 8 Football Club
 - Year 8 Netball
- Year 9 Football Club
 - Year 9 Netball
- Year 10 and 11 Child Development
 - Year 10 Football Club
 - Year 10 Netball
 - Year 11 Band Practice
 - Year 11 English Revision
 - Year 11 Football Club
 - Year 11 GCSE Maths (Foundation)
- Year 11 GCSE PE Badminton/Table Tennis
 - Year 11 Maths (Higher)
- Year 11 Maths Intervention (Higher)
 - Year 11 Netball



Extra curricular- PE

P.E. Extra Curricular Sports Clubs

	Before School (7:20-8:10am)	Afterschool (3:25-4:20pm)
Monday		Year 11 GCSE Badminton and Table Tennis Intervention Year 7 and 8 Netball Fixtures
Tuesday		Fixtures Staff Meetings
Wednesday		Years 9, 10 and 11 Netball Year 7 Football Girls Football Fixtures
Thursday		Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 Football Fixtures
Friday	All Years Multi-Gym	

"In life, there is no such thing as impossible; it's always possible." – Venus Williams



Parent Support

- Support for parents
- Advice from different organisations
- Updated Fortnightly

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Lunch and Break Time

- Canteen serves hot and cold food at lunch and break –
 - cost of main meal £2.85
- Courtyard, canteen and hall for eating
- Tennis courts and field (in summer) for sport
- LRC is open each lunch and break for quiet work



Trips here at HGSS

Trips so far this year	Approx cost
Six the Musical (6th Form)	£36.50
GCSE French - Strasbourg	£724
DofE (Starts in year 9)	Prices for 2025 are: Bronze 5 day package: £195 Silver 7 day package: £270 Gold 11 day package: £425
Aladdin Pantomime (Year 7)	£32.50
Venture Award (Year 7)	£80
A Level Geography - Sicily	£906
MFL Spanish Trip - Seville	£785
Ypres and the Somme	£606
Ski Trip - Val Di Fiemme, Italy	£1435
Whipsnade Zoo (Year 7)	Price to be determined

Example of some trips going out this year..
(more to be added)
Payment plans are available.

Just to give you an idea of what is coming up and the pricing.



Careers @ HGSS Year 7

Careers Motto "We want to challenge students to be the best versions of themselves. To aspire and aim high for their career goals, whilst encouraging them to work hard to build a strong network from which to gain the experience they need to navigate towards their chosen career path." Challenge, Aspire, Navigate are the key words that encompass what we aim to do for our students as reflected by the careers logo above "you can."

Year 7 Career Opportunities

- **Careers intro assembly – Monday 14 October**
- **Day to Work - 24 February** (inset day so non-compulsory) a great chance to work shadow a family member or trusted adult to experience their field of work and consider if this might be of interest in the future – letter to parents to follow
- **Assemblies** throughout the year there will be visiting speakers from industry, higher education, apprenticeship providers and technical education organisations and colleges. The aim is to open up minds to both careers and further study/training routes from an early stage
- We are launching access to **Unifrog**, it is a destinations platform that brings careers and course information into one comprehensive, user-friendly space. It also offers online courses and tracking facilities which help students to develop a great CV or personal statement for the future. Many local schools are already using Unifrog to streamline and improve careers support for their students to great success. This will be a great tool to introduce Year 7 to identifying their personality traits and skills, to be able to link those to possible careers and higher education opportunities.

If can you volunteer any time to support Careers please contact Jo Selleck via selleckj@holmer.org.uk



Rewards and Sanctions

- SIMS communicates all behaviour information home
- Make sure you discuss & reinforce positivity around achievement points.
 - BADGES
 - **Bronze 100**
 - **Silver 200**
 - **Gold 275**
 - Subject award badges
- Weekly email for top 10 achievement points in each year group for that week
- Half-termly celebration for top 10 achievement points with Mr McGilvray
 - Same day detention system
 - Restorative conversations
 - Reintegration room (RIG)



Literacy

- We are a reading school!
- LRC wide variety of books for all interests and reading abilities.
 - Use of ePlatform for wide range of Ebooks and audiobooks.
 - Year 7-9 all students take part in a reading challenge.
 - Reading for an hour a week at home – log on app 'Beanstack'.
- Vocabulary/grammar lessons through the Bedrock Learning programme.
 - NGRT tests will take place twice yearly – reading age.
- Lexia literacy programme and small group interventions for struggling readers. in KS3 – specific focus on Year 7 and 8
 - Dyslexic friendly books available – age appropriate.
 - Book clubs run in our LRC – starting this year.
 - Key vocabulary across all subject units.



Uniform



Trousers- black and not skinny fit, pulled up.



Skirt- Worn by anybody, only the agreed HGSS skirt, with a slit that is worn at the back and not rolled up. Jumpers not tucked into skirts



Blazers worn at all times, unless permission given in the classroom to remove it. Sleeves rolled down



Shirts should be tucked in, sleeves, if present, should be rolled down.
Ties should always be worn



Coats must be navy blue or black, removed in all lessons and assemblies
Hoods down unless raining



No Hoodies, they are not used for PE and will be removed before entering school site



One non hooped earring, anywhere in each ear
No rings. Necklaces under uniform.
Nose studs are clear only.
No bracelets.



Gate to Gate Mobile phone Policy



-We have a gate-to-gate policy for phones.

- Phones must be switched off & left in bags when entering school site and not turned on until leaving the school site – whatever the time (off, not silent/airplane mode).

-No smart watches either.

- This is for safeguarding purposes and to prevent distraction.

-If a phone is seen or heard, it will be confiscated for 3 days.

-If your child needs to get in contact, they may go to the office at break or lunch time.

-If you need to deliver a message to your child, please contact Reception.



Thank you

Any questions?

Please ask anything, if I do not know I will ask someone else and get back to you!