



# Welcome to HGS

15th May 2020

*Edition 2*



This is the second edition of our Transition newsletter. We hope that it introduces you to more of our HGS community and life at Secondary School. As we write this, plans for transition are ongoing, particularly regarding New Intake Day on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. More information will follow as we receive guidance from the DfE and Hertfordshire County Council. Pages 3 and 4 of the newsletter are some 'This is me' activities for you to complete to help us and your new Y7 Form Tutor to get to know you. They can be printed or you can produce your own version, then, either take a photo or scan it on your smart phone and email it to [natasha.davidson@hgs.herts.sch.uk](mailto:natasha.davidson@hgs.herts.sch.uk) by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

## What are the timings of a normal school day?

8.40am – 9.05am:	Tutor period - registration in your form room Form challenges and activities or assembly
9.10 – 10.10am:	Period 1
10.10 – 11.10am:	Period 2
11.10-11.30am:	Break
11.30 - 12.30pm:	Period 3
12.30 – 1.30pm:	Lunch and Clubs
1.30 – 2.30pm:	Period 4
2.30 – 3.30pm:	Period 5
3.30pm:	Home or Clubs

*Form activities in Y7 include logging reward points, Numeracy Ninjas, Headstrong (mindfulness), Quizzes, Reading, planning Charity fundraising events, House activities and assemblies (Y7, KS3 or House).*



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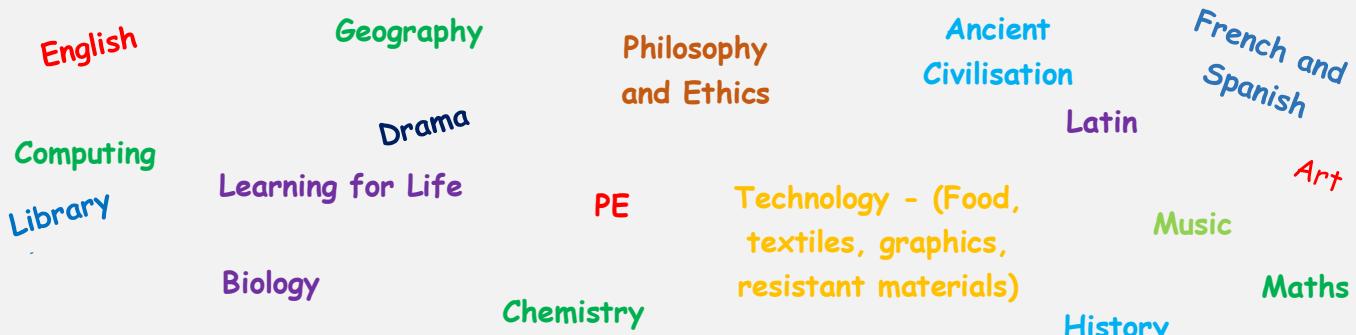
[@HitchinGirls](#)



We also have a special Twitter account for Y6-7 Transition:

[@HGSTransition](#)

What subjects will I learn about in Y7? – Some subjects you will have almost every day, whereas as others you will have once per week or fortnight on your timetable. Don't worry if some are completely new to you... they will be for most students.



## A week or B week? What is a 2 week timetable?

When you join HGS you will be given a timetable so that you know which lesson you have and at what time. To fit all the different subjects in, we have a 2 week timetable, so when packing your bag for the week, you need to check whether it is an A week or B week. Lots of students keep an extra copy of their timetable in their locker or at home so they can check what they need for the day.

Mr Crowther is the Deputy Head Teacher. He also teaches some Maths lessons. You'll find his office in the main (old) building near to Mrs Manning's office.



Mr Cave is one of the Assistant Head Teachers. He also teaches technology, media and library lessons. His office is in the Lower Block.

## Who are the Pastoral Department?

The Pastoral Team are available if you need someone to talk to. May be you have fallen out with a friend or you are worried about something or someone - you can pop to the Pastoral Office to see Mrs Batt-Corcoran, Mrs Barton or Mrs Hankin. They can have a chat with you, give you some time-out or in some cases can arrange for you to have extra support.



Mrs Batt-Corcoran (Mrs B-C)

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Mrs Barton

The Pastoral Office in the main building  
(and friends!)



## What are School Dinners like?

The canteen and dining room are open at break and lunch time selling anything from sandwiches to sausage rolls, fruit to cakes and pasta to jacket potatoes. The hot meal of the day costs £2.70 (price subject to change in Sept) and includes a main dish and pudding. Favourites are pasta bake, chicken curry and sausages with puddings such as rhubarb crumble, chocolate crispie cake and plum and apple crunch (Mrs Hone's favourite!)



The HGS School Council worked with Herts Catering (HCL) to introduce #MeatlessMondays and Vegware compostable containers – the first school in Hertfordshire to do so.

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pioneering eco-friendly food  
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**The Comet**



The new eco-packing at Hitchin Girls' School. Picture: HCL



Mrs Wilson is our Catering Manager. She puts together the menu for the week and this is published in the weekly newsletter. You can also speak to her about any dietary requirements.



Christmas School Lunch is served in the last week of term in December. A full Christmas Dinner (including a vegetarian alternative) is served to hundreds of students, with all the trimmings and crackers!

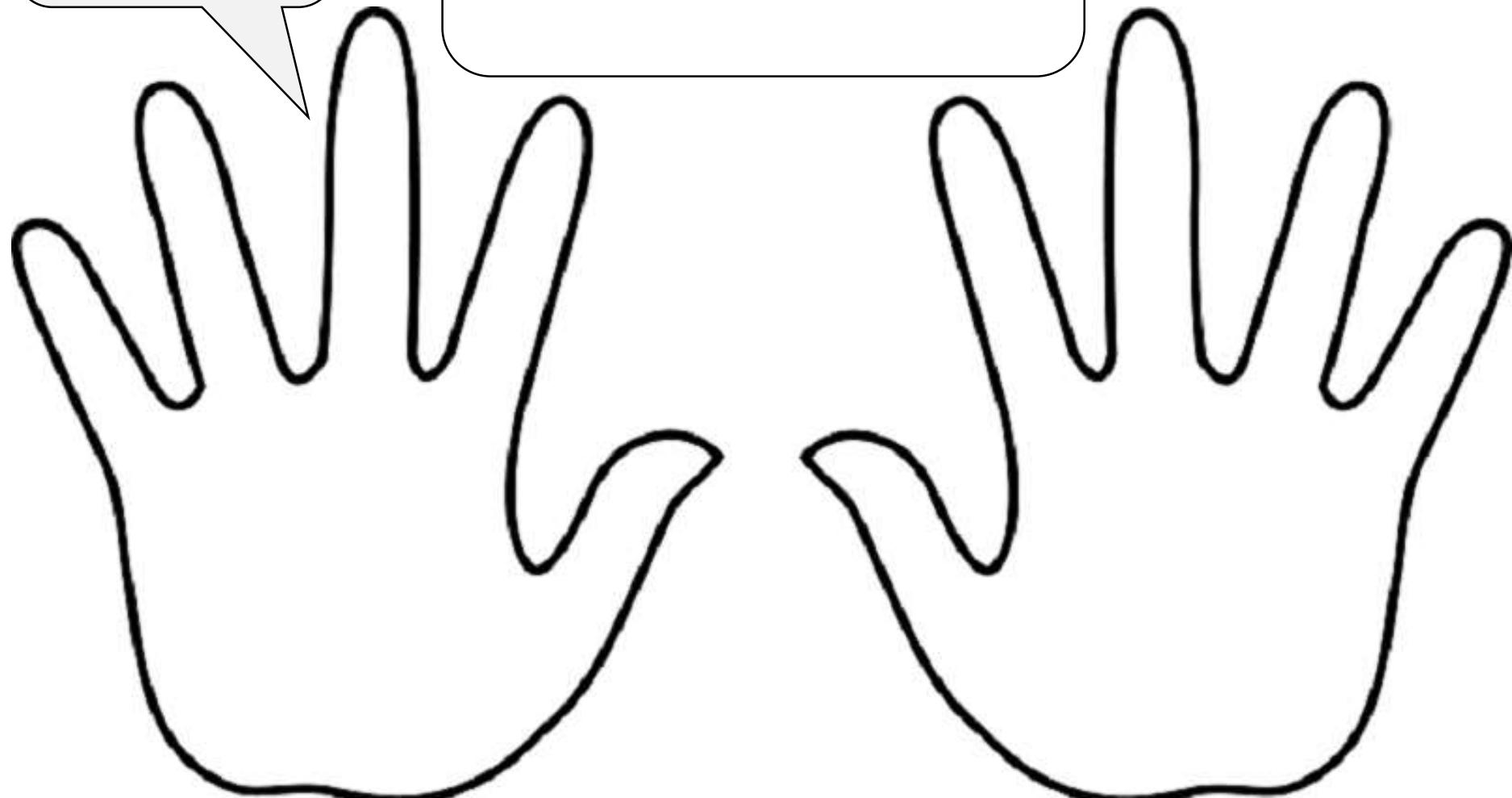
Morbeans, the 6<sup>th</sup> Form café, serves sandwiches, soup, paninis and barista style hot drinks. Y7 students can opt for a week's pass as part of our behaviour reward scheme.

If you think you are eligible for free school meals, please visit Hertfordshire County Council's website to check eligibility criteria and apply: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals>

*Complete the handprint outlines (or draw your own) by adding answers to the statements:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_



What I want to achieve at HGS

Things I might need help with or am worried about.....

In the space below, draw a word cloud that represents you. You could include hobbies or activities, responsibilities held in or out of school, favourite subjects, family members, pets or sports. You could use a website such as <https://worditout.com/> and then print or screenshot your completed word cloud. Be as creative as you can.....



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