



Huddersfield Grammar School

Year 2 Handbook



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Traditional values promoting responsibility and respect.

We believe in a sense of community and moral values, instilling a genuine sense of care in all our pupils. These values guide our pupils and staff, creating responsibility and respect for all around them. Whilst we retain our traditional values, we're committed to the future, developing new programmes and extraordinary opportunities.

From the Headmaster's study...

Dear Parent,

In the Pre-Prep, we work hard to provide the children with an exciting, well-balanced and colourful learning environment that will inspire, support and cater for the individual. Children are taught to care, respect and have tolerance for each other, and every individual is valued.

Pre-Prep children are educated in small classes by experienced and qualified staff, including Form Teachers, who meet together every week for their planning and preparation time and follow the same schemes of work and assessment programmes, and specialist teachers, who assist with the teaching of Modern Foreign Languages, Music, Sport and the Expressive Arts.

We believe in the primacy of the individual and understand that the development of character is a prerequisite for success in life. That is why our young people are provided with a rich variety of experiences, both within and beyond the classroom, that allow them to develop as well-rounded, enthusiastic and impressive individuals.

In the years ahead, your child will undertake outdoor activities and expeditions to the wilderness, visits to the First World War battlefields, the History excursion to the National Holocaust Centre and Museum, and involvement in a host of extra-curricular activities, from debating to enterprise.

Education at Huddersfield Grammar School is challenging, enjoyable and stimulating.

Our young people are provided with a range of opportunities to use their unique talents to achieve individual success in a caring, well-ordered and nurturing environment.

Michael Seaton
Headmaster BA MBA

The HGS Identity

At Huddersfield Grammar School, we want each pupil to:

- be **inspired** by everything they do at school, both within and beyond the classroom, so they leave school as interested and interesting people;
- be valued and developed as an **individual**, with all children encouraged daily to be a first-rate version of themselves, not a second-rate version of someone else;
- adopt a **resilient** approach to their academic work and their extra-curricular pursuits, forming the inner steel that will serve them well on the exciting and life-long journey of learning that lies ahead;
- be **inclusive**, combining daily acts of kindness with the firm belief that – whatever our age – we can make a difference, locally and globally, right now;
- be **self-aware**, through learning to recognise their strengths and adapt to their weaknesses, both in learning and in life;
- develop genuine **self-belief**, as those who 'believe they can' will be the leaders and game-changers of the future.

These six characteristics form the core of what we call **The HGS Identity** – the 'golden thread' which binds together all pupils who walk through our gates.



Welcome

Welcome to our thriving Pre-Prep School where your child will build upon key skills already learnt during their time in Early Years. Our curriculum is varied and exciting. In addition to the core subjects of Maths and English your child will have lessons in Science, History, Geography, RE, Computing, Spanish, Music, Drama, PSHE, Art and DT, many of which are taught by specialist teachers.

Outside of the classroom, the addition of Forest School in Pre-Prep promotes and develops essential Huddersfield Grammar School character skills of resilience and teamwork. Physical activity also plays a very important part in our curriculum and your child will have weekly PE, Dance and Swimming lessons, with many additional opportunities for further activities provided by our extensive extra-curricular programme.

Through the House system, our children get involved in a variety of fun and challenging individual and collaborative activities while representing their House. They also take part in a number of whole-school House events.

As elsewhere in the school, the culture of care is very strong in Pre-Prep. Our 'Golden Rules' underpin everything that we teach and do, ensuring that every child feels safe and valued.

We very much look forward to working with your child over the coming year.

Fiona Smith
Head of Pre-Prep











Pre-Prep Team

Our pastoral system is planned to assist the educational, social and personal development of every child, and to ensure that the achievements of our pupils are well recognised. When problems or issues occur which hamper the child's development our pastoral systems are designed to initiate positive intervention. We believe in ensuring that parents/carers are fully involved and we work with them in order to address any issues that may occur.

The Pre-Prep team will work to ensure that your child settles into Pre-Prep, makes friends, enjoys learning and achieves their full potential in everything they do.

On joining their new class, each pupil is placed in a mixed ability group. The Class Teacher is the key figure in the pastoral structure, and has overall responsibility for the progress and conduct of the members of his or her class.

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Timetable

The day is split into 8 periods of typically 30 minutes. The Pre-Prep school day runs as follows:

8.30 - 8.45	Classroom Activities
8.45 - 9.00	Registration
9.00 - 9.30	Lesson 1
9.30 - 10.00	Lesson 2
10.00 - 10.30	Morning Break
10.30 - 11.00	Lesson 3
11.00 - 11.30	Lesson 4
11.30 - 11.45	Tutor Activities
11.45 - 12.15	Lunch
12.15 - 1.00	Break - Clubs & Activities
1.00 - 1.15	Registration
1.15 - 1.45	Lesson 5
1.45 - 2.15	Lesson 6
2.15 - 2.45	Lesson 7
2.45 - 3.15	Lesson 8

Please note that children can be dropped in their classrooms with their class teachers from 8.30am. For those parents' wishing to drop off earlier there is a teacher supervised classroom staffed on a rota basis from 8.15am. Details of the room are posted weekly on the Parents' noticeboard.

Parents' who need to drop their children any earlier should leave them in the Out of School Club, which opens at 7.30am.

Homework

In Year 2, your child should read aloud with you for ten minutes, five nights per week. On Mondays, the children are provided with part of a multiplication table and are tested on Fridays. Up to 15 spellings are shared with pupils at the start of each new unit, with tests taking place approximately every fortnight.

Homework should take no more than 20 minutes.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spellings	Literacy	Maths	Practise spellings & Times tables for Friday test	Outdoor learning
Times Tables				



Attendance & punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality are vital to any pupils' education. It is also vital for success and achievement in later life that pupils get into good habits with regard to attendance and punctuality when young.

The school regards this as a shared responsibility, between the school, parents/carers and pupils themselves, who must begin to accept responsibility for their own performance in this regard.

The school has adopted an electronic registration system which allows accurate checking of punctuality and attendance not only on a daily basis but from lesson to lesson.

The school will:

- Make very clear to pupils when they are late
- Record lateness and attendance
- Report information on punctuality and attendance to pupils and parents regularly
- Set targets to help pupils to improve attendance and punctuality
- Encourage good punctuality and attendance by rewarding it on a personal and form group basis

Lateness

Should a pupil be late, parents must sign in at the School Office in the Royds Mount building, giving the reason for his or her lateness.

First Day Absence

We ask that parents or carers telephone the school early in the morning on the rare occasion a pupil is absent and explain why the pupil is absent from school. The school should be contacted every day thereafter until the pupil returns.

From 9.30am onwards the school will contact home to seek an explanation for any absence that has not been communicated. This contact will normally be made by the School Office. It is therefore important that if a pupil is late to school they are signed in at the School Office, otherwise they will be recorded as absent from school and you will be contacted.

Parents/Carers are expected to avoid making dental, doctors or opticians appointments during the school day. However, occasionally this is not possible, in which case the parent/carer should contact the School Office in advance.

If an absence is likely to be prolonged, please contact the Class Teacher so that arrangements can be made to send work home if required.

Monitoring Attendance and Punctuality

All attendance data is recorded and analysed. Your child's future employers, colleges or universities will refer to these records when considering applications. Attendance that falls below 95% is automatically looked at by the Head of Pre-Prep. If no improvement is seen it is likely that contact will be made with home.

Illness and Medical Attention

Parents/Carers must provide information to the school of any medical conditions that their child has, so we are able to support them and ensure the safety of others. The school also needs to be informed of any special medical needs or conditions including dietary needs and pre-activity precautions as well as of any medication brought into the school at any time.

Please ensure that you inform the school of any temporary disabilities, illness or other medical needs. For example, if your child has incurred an injury which requires crutches or a sling, please report to the School Office upon arrival with the note from the hospital or the GP. All medical information received by the school will be treated sensitively.

Illness and Accidents when at School

If a pupil becomes ill in a lesson and the illness cannot wait for treatment until break or the teacher feels that medical treatment is required, the student will be escorted to the School Office. Where a pupil becomes ill at break or lunchtime they are reminded to report this to their teacher at the start of the next lesson. Parents/Carers will be contacted depending upon the nature of the medical problem. In more serious cases, where hospital attention is deemed necessary, the school will contact the parent/carer who will be expected to accompany their child to hospital.

The details of what to do and who to contact in an emergency is required as part of the registration process and must be updated when any change occurs. The school has a strict policy that no medication will be given orally or externally unless permission has been given by the parent/carer.

Holidays in Term Time

The school views known absence during term time as detrimental to learning and progress. Should you need to request a leave of absence, you should write to the Headmaster, as far in advance as possible, and state the reasons why you need to take the student out of the school during term time.

The Headmaster will consider the reasons given and the absence will only be authorised in the case of extenuating circumstance.



TERMS AND HOLIDAYS FOR PUPILS 2019 – 2020

Staff return to school for the Autumn Term on Tuesday, 3rd September 2019
Pupils return to school for the Autumn Term on Thursday, 5th September 2019

TERM	SCHOOL CLOSURES	FIRST DAY OF HOLIDAY	LAST DAY OF HOLIDAY	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Autumn Half Term	Friday 18th October 2019	Monday 21st October 2019	Friday 1st November 2019	Monday 4th November 2020
Christmas	Tuesday 17th December 2019	Wednesday 18th December 2019	Tuesday 7th January 2020	Wednesday 8th January 2020
Spring Half Term	Friday 14th February 2020	Monday 17th February 2020	Friday 21st February 2020	Monday 24th February 2020
Easter	Friday 3rd April 2020	Monday 6th April 2020	Tuesday 21st April 2020	Wednesday 22nd April 2020
May Day	Thursday 7th May 2020	Friday 8th May 2020	Friday 8th May 2020	Monday 11th May 2020
Summer Half Term	Friday 22nd May 2020	Monday 25th May 2020	Friday 29th May 2020	Monday 1st June 2020
Summer	Friday 10th July 2020	Monday 13th July 2020	TBC	TBC

Communicating with you about your child

We believe that communication is vital in strengthening the partnership between pupils, teachers and parents. This takes place in a variety of ways:

Home contact

It is essential that the school has up to date contact details including postal address, mobile phone number and email address. This is required so that we can contact you during the school day and send home important information.

We also need an emergency contact should we be unable to contact you in an emergency situation.

The school uses an automated call system that will text/email important messages to you, for example if the school needs to close due to adverse weather conditions.

Please ensure that you update our records if your contact details change at any time during the year.

HGS Connect

The school has a weekly e-newsletter that is published once every week. This will be emailed to you on a Friday to share with you information on events taking place in the school and will remind you of key dates such as holiday closures and what is happening in school. It is also available on our facebook page.



The **Key Dates Booklet** is also published every term to share future events that are planned.

The newsletter and other information about the school can also be found on the school website: www.huddersfield-grammar.co.uk

Website

The school website has key information such as term dates, school policies, a copy of this handbook and a variety of other useful and important documentation.

Facebook

www.facebook.com/HuddersfieldGrammar

Pupil Progress and Achievement

Early in the school year, we invite parents of Pre-Prep children to attend our informal Parents' Evening where you will be able to meet with your child's Class Teacher to discuss their early progress and transition to our school. This evening will be held on:

Thursday 12th September 2019

We also report home regularly on pupil attainment and effort through our Assessment Windows reporting system. Across the year pupils will receive three Streamlined Reports and one full written report at the end of the year.

Parents' Evenings are the most important communication opportunities that we have and as such, attendance at them is very important. Parents' Evenings at Huddersfield Grammar School have been arranged in a way that makes them as accessible as possible, running from 4pm - 7pm.

The Pre-Prep Parents' Evening will take place on: **Thursday 7th November 2019**

If you are unable to attend a Parents' Evening, your child's class teacher will be happy to meet you at an alternative time.



Here to help

The first point of contact at the school should be the Class Teacher, in person or by email. At school our email addresses all follow the same format and these can be found on the school website.

Initial of our forename followed by surname@huddersfield-grammar.co.uk

So for example, Mr M Seaton would be mseaton@huddersfield-grammar.co.uk

Please use this to let the school know of any concerns you may have. If you wish to speak with the Head of Pre Prep, please telephone the School Office in order to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Head of Pre Prep - **Mrs F Smith**

Deputy Head - **Mrs D Holmes (Character Development)**

Should you not be satisfied with the response that you receive, please consult the Compliments and Complaints Policy, which is posted on the school website. A hard copy of this document can be obtained from the School Office upon request.



Morning snacks

Huddersfield Grammar School believes in promoting healthy eating for healthy minds.

Pre-Prep children bring a fruit snack for morning playtime and are provided with milk in the afternoon. Children should also bring their own water bottle to school.



Lunch in the Dining Hall

A healthy lifestyle is always a priority at Huddersfield Grammar School and our students are provided with healthy, balanced meals.

The school contracts out to a catering company (Thomas Franks) which provides all food, ensuring that it conforms to government guidelines on standards for school lunches. Meals are cooked on site and there is a variety of food on offer daily including vegetarian dishes and a salad bar. The weekly menus can be viewed on the school website and will also be shared weekly through HGS Connect e-newsletter. An example can be found on the next page.

Packed lunches are not permitted unless there is a specific dietary need and permission has been granted by the Headmaster. In such instances, the catering team can usually make appropriate adjustments to meet the requirements of the student.

If you have any questions regarding the catering please contact our chef Jamie Stewart-Milne at: huddersfieldgrammar@thomasfranks.co.uk



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dish of the Day Local Butchers Sausages Vegetarian Quorn Sausages Both served with Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes & Garden Peas Snack Option Jacket Bar Or Freshly Prepared Sandwiches with Traditional Meat, Vegetarian, Fish & Halal fillings in Artisan Bread Dessert Fresh Fruit or Flavoured Yoghurt Or Lemon & Orange Drizzle Cake	Dish of the Day Roasted Maple Glazed Gammon Vegetarian Stuffed Peppers with Rice & Roast Vegetables Both served with Fresh Steamed Vegetables & Roasted Potatoes Snack Option Pasta Bar with Freshly Made Sauce Or Freshly Prepared Sandwiches with Traditional Meat, Vegetarian, Fish & Halal fillings in Artisan Bread Dessert Fresh Fruit or Flavoured Yoghurt Or Fruit Flapjack Slice	Dish of the Day (Halal) Mexican Chicken Fajitas Vegetarian Chipotle Butternut Squash Chilli Snack Option Jacket Bar Or Freshly Prepared Sandwiches with Traditional Meat, Vegetarian, Fish & Halal fillings in Artisan Bread Dessert Fresh Fruit or Flavoured Yoghurt Or Apple & Rhubarb Crumble & Custard	Dish of the Day Beef Lasagne Vegetarian Quorn & Spinach Lasagne Both served with Garlic Bread & House Salads Snack Option Pasta Bar with Freshly Made Sauce Or Freshly Prepared Sandwiches with Traditional Meat, Vegetarian, Fish & Halal fillings in Artisan Bread Dessert Fresh Fruit or Flavoured Yoghurt Or Shortbread Slice	Dish of the Day Oven Baked Battered Cod Vegetarian Halloumi & Roast Vegetable Skewers Both served with Oven Cooked Fries & Mushy Peas Snack Option Jacket Bar Or Freshly Prepared Sandwiches with Traditional Meat, Vegetarian, Fish & Halal fillings in Artisan Bread Dessert Fresh Fruit or Flavoured Yoghurt Or Carrot & Cinnamon Cake



Expectations of uniform

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform as stated on the School Uniform List and to take pride in their appearance. They are required to do so upon arrival, throughout the school day and as they depart the school. We greatly appreciate your support in this. Please ensure every item of clothing and equipment, including footwear and games kit, is clearly named and clean. Please also ensure that your child's school coat and hat/cap are brought to school EVERY day.

Children who are attending school functions, fixtures or excursions must wear school uniform unless told otherwise. There will be scheduled non-uniform days on the School Calendar and occasions when children are permitted to wear alternative clothing by agreement with their teacher.

Hair

In the Pre-Prep, girls' hair that is below shoulder length should be worn neatly tied back in school-coloured accessories (blue, red, black or brown). Hair bands and bobbles should be plain.

Jewellery

Earrings, jewellery and make-up are not permitted in the Pre-Prep. Exceptions will be made for performances or special calendar dress-up days.

Footwear

In addition to their school shoes, children should also bring a pair of wellingtons (any colour) to keep in school.

Should you misplace the School Uniform List, a fresh copy can be collected from the School Office.

School Uniform can be purchased from:

Bridge Schoolwear, 4 -6 Scar Lane, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield. HD3 4PE. 01484 655655

www.bridgeschoolwear.co.uk The code to access the Huddersfield Grammar School section is: **hgs1699**

Alternatively, a school Clothing Shop sells 'nearly new' items and is open every Monday during term time from 2.30pm. Additional opening times and dates are published on the calendar as necessary.

PE kit



Students will have three timetabled PE lessons per week. It is important that each student has the correct kit for his or her lesson.

Boys kit

- PE - Polo shirt, shorts, reversible outdoor jersey, red outdoor fleece, navy jog pants, navy socks and white pumps
- Swimming - Swimwear Jammer Shorts (navy/red) and HGS Swim Cap
- Ballet - Bloch full leather sole shoes (black), white t-shirt and black shorts

Girls

- PE - Polo shirt, shorts, red outdoor fleece, navy jog pants, navy socks and white pumps
- Swimming - Swimwear Vault Backsuit (navy/red) and HGS Swim Cap
- Ballet - Bloch full leather sole shoes (pink), pink skirted leopard and pink 3/4 sleeve crossover cardigan

Examples of **UNACCEPTABLE** shoes



NO CONVERSE



NO PUMPS OR
TRAINER STYLE



NO ANKLE
BOOTS



NO BOOTS

Additional guidance

- Trainers / shoe hybrid styles will not be considered appropriate footwear
- Shoes made by sportswear manufacturers are deemed to be trainers
- Shoes that cover the ankle are deemed to be a boot
- A shoe marketed as a school shoe may not be acceptable at Huddersfield Grammar School
- Canvas style shoes are not allowed
- Single velcro styles, as shown, are permitted on a traditional upper
- Pump or ballerina styles must have a strap across to keep the foot secure

Examples of **ACCEPTABLE** shoes



Getting around...

Finding your way around initially may feel daunting. Each classroom is numbered in a way that makes it easier to locate. For example, rooms in the Waverley building start with the letter W, St Davids the letter S and Argyle the letter A. These are all located around a department area and numbered in a chronological order to help you find them.

For example, **W1** will be next to **W2** followed by **W3**.

There are always lots of students and staff around that would be happy to help.



Character development

At Huddersfield Grammar School we are developing an innovative Character Education Programme across all phases of the school. This has an emphasis on developing the six character traits within the HGS Identity:

INSPIRED • INDIVIDUAL • RESILIENT • INCLUSIVE • SELF-AWARE • SELF-BELIEF

These are enduring traits which make a difference to success in life and success in learning both within and beyond the classroom. These strands will be embedded throughout the school to provide opportunities for pupils to develop good character. These opportunities will include:

- Six dedicated Character Days around one of the key strands that build collaborative skills, communication skills, creativity and critical thinking and respect, responsibility and relationships
- Active Learning Programme e.g. Bushcraft, Duke of Edinburgh and, in time, the John Muir Award
- Peer support groups with a particular focus: Pupil Voice, Bullseye, Environment, fundraising, etc
- Leadership training and responsibility posts for the pupils
- Community service volunteering opportunities and partnerships
- Extra-curricular activities
- Wellbeing Programme
- 'Be Inspired'- Speaker Programme for pupils, parents and staff



Active learning

Huddersfield Grammar School has implemented an Active Learning Programme, across all phases of the school, to ensure that a 'golden thread' of character education underpins all outdoor learning experiences. Active Learning experiences provide a rich opportunity for developing character and lifelong learning skills.

Each child will take something different from the experience depending on their own learning, prior experiences and development needs. At the heart of the Active Learning experience is the development of character.

Learning Away has shown that a residential learning experience provides opportunities, benefits and impacts that cannot be achieved in any other educational context or setting. There is also strong evidence that impacts in these areas lead to positive outcomes in terms of students' engagement with and progress in their learning, as well as their self-belief and expectation that they will make progress and succeed.

Therefore at Huddersfield Grammar School there will be an ongoing variety of opportunities for pupils to experience active learning at all key stages including;

- Forest School timetabled lessons
- Teaching Trees Woodland Workshop visit
- Countryside LIVE show visit
- Pre-Prep Active Learning Day (Summer Term)



Excursions & visits

Excursions and visits are an essential part of school life which greatly enhance the educational experience of students at all levels. We consider that thorough and careful planning is essential at all stages before any visit takes place and we require supervision of the highest standard once an expedition is underway.

Our pupils are expected to be good ambassadors for the school at all times, and to comply with the expectations and instructions of the lead staff for exemplary conduct and behaviour.

The proposed excursions list for the academic year includes the following:



Year 1

Eureka, Colne Valley Museum, Greenhead Park, Lindley Village, Pantomime trip to Lawrence Batley Theatre

Year 2

Teaching Trees Woodland Workshop - Ledstone Estate, Leeds, Countryside LIVE show, Knowsley Safari Park, Pantomime trip to Lawrence Batley Theatre

Highlights of the school year in Pre-Prep include our Nativity, Spring Concert, Sports Day, Prize Giving and Teddy Bear's Picnic. The children will also take part in a range of school trips and excursions, swimming galas, music concerts and class assemblies. Children in Need and World Book Day are also an important part of the school calendar.

Extra-curricular activities

Children at Huddersfield Grammar School are encouraged to become fully involved in the many activities on offer. Whilst your child is not expected to join everything, we believe that there is something for everyone!

The school offers a range of clubs and activities that are usually free of charge. Extra-curricular activities include sporting, creative, musical and artistic opportunities. They are held before school, at lunchtimes and after school. A full list of the activities offered each term can be found in the School Calendar, but include the following:

- Art Club**
- Lego Club**
- Yoga Bears**
- Craft Club**
- Chess Club**
- Forest School**
- Craft**
- Gymnastics**
- Running Club**
- Cricket Club**
- Board Games**
- Story Detectives**
- Cookie Monsters**
- Chatterboxes**
- Needlework**
- Wake Up, Shake Up!**
- Number Crunchers**
- Athletics**
- Tap Dancing**
- Construction Club**
- Mindfulness**
- Singing stars**



Additional tuition

Optional peripatetic music lessons are available at school in brass, clarinet, drums, flute, guitar, piano, saxophone, violin and voice. Please contact Mrs Fitzpatrick, Head of Middle School, at: afitzpatrick@huddersfield-grammar.co.uk

Students bringing in their own instruments should have them clearly labelled and these must be stored securely as agreed with their teacher.



The Golden Rules

Huddersfield Grammar School expects a high standard of behaviour. Our children are expected to act with courtesy and consideration for others at all times; they are reminded to hold doors open for others and to stand for visitors.

In the Pre-Prep, we all follow the Golden Rules and these are displayed in every classroom.

Our emphasis is on rewarding pupils to reinforce the importance of good behaviour.



Pupils are rewarded in a variety of ways, including:

verbal praise; collective or individual praise in assemblies; certificates for good behaviour or work in our weekly 'Special Effort' assembly; written or verbal communication with home; achievement certificates; individual sticker charts and Headmaster's Awards.



Curriculum

Our teachers deliver an enhanced version of the National Curriculum. Class sizes of no more than 20 ensure that we can monitor the progress of each child in the class, identifying problems should they arise.

Reading, Writing and Mathematics have a high priority in the Pre-Prep, ensuring a sound foundation in these essential core subjects. Information Technology is integrated into the curriculum from the beginning and all children learn the skills needed to use computers effectively. Great emphasis is also placed on the social development of each individual.

At the beginning of each term, Pre-Prep parents are provided with a detailed Curriculum Map that outlines the Programme of Study.

Year 2

English

The Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc. Phonics and Literacy scheme is taught daily in Year 2; the children are taught writing and reading skills, and are exposed to a wide range of texts, which help to widen their reading experiences.

The correct use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks is also taught, and the children learn to identify nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs.

Spelling and handwriting are practised on a daily basis. Spelling words are shared with the pupils at the beginning of each unit and a test takes place approximately every two weeks, once the specific spelling rules have been taught and practised in context at school.

Comprehension is taught weekly using the Rising Stars Cracking Comprehension programme and every child reads to an adult every day in school. There is a structured Reading Scheme, which encompasses many different genres, and the children are expected to read to an adult each night, and will sometimes be given homework related to the book they are reading.

In addition, every child is given access to a computer-based scheme called Reading Eggs, which can be used at home.

Mathematics

Mathematics is taught daily in Year 2, using the highly interactive Abacus scheme from Active Learn. Every week, the children are tasked with learning one of the multiplication tables. This is split into parts so it is not too overwhelming for the pupils and there is a test each Friday. Many different strategies are applied to

enable each child to understand concepts and all are given access to a computer-based scheme called Mathletics, which can be used at home.

Science

The Pre-Prep takes a 'hands-on' approach to Science with the emphasis placed firmly on children doing practical experiments, which they love!

Topics studied are as follows: Animals including Humans; Uses of Everyday Materials; Living Things and their Habitats; Plants.

Computing

Children are taught the basics of simple programming and keyboard skills using the Pre-Prep laptops. They also have continuous access to the Interactive Whiteboard.

Dance

In Year 2, Dance lessons are led by dance expert, Mrs Van-Bellen. All children in the Pre-Prep take part in these lessons and work towards examination qualifications.

Geography

Our study of Geography in Year 2 develops our pupils' global awareness, as they study the following topics: Wonderful World (continents, oceans and basic map work); Let's Go to China; Sensational Safari (a study of Kenya).

History

In History, Year 2 pupils study Remembrance, The Gunpowder Plot, Significant Individuals and The Great Fire of London.

For our Remembrance Day topic, we take the children to Greenhead Park on November 11th and take part in the Remembrance service.

Music

Music lessons in Year 2 include singing, movement and the use of musical instruments.

Physical Education (PE)

PE lessons take place in the Sports Hall or on the school playing fields. The children are taught basic throwing and catching skills, athletic activities and team games.

Religious Education (RE)

In RE, the children learn about the Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths, exploring their meaning, festivals and celebrations. We also study the festivals of other faiths.

Swimming

The children are taken to the John Smith's Stadium each week, where they are taught by specialist swimming

teachers. Our Year 2 pupils also take part in a swimming gala and distance swim.

PSHE

PSHE is a stand-alone lesson running in addition to our PSHE-based assemblies. Themes covered throughout the year are: Health and Wellbeing, Relationships, and Living in the Wider World.

Forest School

Our Pre-Prep Forest school curriculum is an inspirational sequence of lessons offering our children regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in our beautiful woodland setting.

Art/DT

In our Art & DT lessons children learn to work and experiment with a variety of different media, often completing cross-curricular projects. Each year work is produced for inclusion in our whole-school Art Exhibition and for the Honley Show.



Weekly overview

Please find below the days on which your child will need to bring extra items to school. On PE days they should come dressed in their PE kit and bring their school uniform to change into. School coats and hats/caps should be brought to school everyday regardless of the weather.

Year 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Ballet		PE	Swimming & Forest School

Assemblies usually have a spiritual, moral, social or cultural theme, and are a shared celebration of achievement. We celebrate individual children's achievements both within extra-curricular activities and outside of school, such as swimming achievements and any certificates awarded at external activities.

The Pre-Prep School has four assemblies each week. Every Friday, one child from each form is presented with a Special Effort Certificate by Mrs Smith. During assembly time, we also acknowledge all birthdays with our special birthday song, as well as presenting your child with a card and a much sought after sticker!



Assessment

Huddersfield Grammar School tracks the progress and attainment of each pupil throughout the school. The children are assessed termly in English using the Ruth Miskin RWI tracker, and every half term in Mathematics, using Abacus assessments.

The children's progress across Key Stage 1 is also assessed by the Mathematics and English SATs tests taken at the end of Year 2. All Year 2 children will complete the NGRT Assessment test at the start of the academic year and all children from Years 1 to 8 will complete standardised progress tests in English and Mathematics at the end of each academic year, in order to allow us to plan our teaching and ensure that individual needs are met.



Parents' Evenings and School Reports

Parents' Evenings are held three times a year, with an informal session at the start of the year followed by two appointment-based meetings in the Autumn and Spring terms.

At Parents' Evenings you will also receive a progress report outlining key strengths and areas of development in Mathematics, English Writing, English Reading and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

Parents' Evenings operate with a programme of timed interview slots and parents are required to make appointments with the teacher prior to the event.

Full School Reports are written at the end of the year for children in Pre-Prep. You will also receive three streamlined reports over the course of an academic year.

Houses

Students are placed into one of two Houses upon entry to the school: Crowther (Blue) and Ramsden (Red).



CROWTHER



RAMSDEN

Besides the weekly announcement of House Point totals, a variety of exciting **Inter-House** activities take place over the school year, including sports day, singing and craft!

Details of House events are included in the termly calendar of events.



Painting



Drawing



Singing



Craft



Fancy Dress

Out of School Club

Huddersfield Grammar School offers wraparound care facilities for all pupils from the Kindergarten to the Senior School. We aim to provide a safe, secure and stimulating environment for our pupils both before and after school.

The Breakfast Club and After School Club are available from 7.30am to 8.30am and 3.15pm to 6.00pm each school day during term time. Breakfast will be provided during the morning session and a light meal is available during the afternoon session. Special dietary requirements will be catered for upon request. A 'waiters' session operates until 4.00pm and is provided free of charge for children with older siblings in the school. Pupils using this service should report to the Kindergarten classroom in the Royds Mount Building where they will be supervised by teaching staff.

All Huddersfield Grammar School pupils are welcome to join the After School Club. Parents may book individual days as required or block book if preferred, by telephoning the School Office on 01484 424549 or Mrs Webster, the Out of School Club Manager, on 07580 201812 during After School club hours.

If you have not booked in advance and find you need our services on the same day, please contact the School Office on 01484 424549 and we will be happy to help where space allows. As numbers are limited it is important that you check availability for the sessions you require.

Fees are as follows:

Breakfast Club: £70 per half-term inclusive of breakfast

After School (under 1 hour): £6.25 per session or £7.45 with a light meal

After School (over 1 hour): £9 per session or £10.20 with a light meal

Please note that a Registration Form must be completed prior to a child attending.

This can be downloaded from the school website.



Additional information

Personal Property

Pupils should not bring money or valuable possessions (e.g. iPods, iPads, expensive watches, etc.) to school.

School Policies

All key school policies are posted on our website. Hard copies of these policies are available from the School Office upon request.

Parents' Association

The school organises a number of events to which the whole school community is invited. The Fireworks Night, the Christmas Fayre and the Summer Garden Party are events not to miss. The school will occasionally ask for parent volunteers to assist in the management of these events.

Anti-Bullying

Huddersfield Grammar School aims to establish a positive school culture in which all members of the community feel safe, confident and treat each other with respect and courtesy, particularly with regard to individual differences. To that end, bullying will not be tolerated.

The Anti-Bullying Policy is available on the school website and should be read and understood in the context of our Behaviour Policy, our Equalities and Diversity Policy, and our approach to Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE).

As a Cognita School, Huddersfield Grammar School has signed up to the principles embodied within our group-wide membership of the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA), linked to the National Children's Bureau, including access to specialist training of staff to support our best efforts to eradicate bullying in school.

Charities and Fundraising

The school has its own Charities Committee and undertakes a charity event at least once a term. These events play an important role in developing the children's social awareness and understanding of giving and supporting those less fortunate. All children are encouraged to take part.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Every child has the right to protection from abuse and exploitation. For this reason, the school has a Safeguarding Children Policy, a designated teacher for child protection, and all staff are trained to be aware of the possible signs of abuse. Staff are also aware of the child protection procedures established by the Kirklees Education Authority.

Any issues should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Holmes.

Acceptable Use Policy for ICT

At Huddersfield Grammar School we are committed to safeguarding your child. We actively promote educating students to use technology safely and wisely so they will be better placed to protect themselves from the risks and challenges they may encounter both at school and out of school.

Parents are urged to put in place the necessary filters and to talk to their children about how they communicate online with their friends. The school issues a Social Media Guide for Parents, upon request.

Please note that mobile devices are not permitted in the Pre-Prep School. Where there are unique circumstances, you should seek permission from either the Head of Pre-Prep or the Headmaster.

Transport

The school operates a private bus service from both Holme Valley and Calderdale. A high standard of behaviour is expected from all students using this service. All students must wear seatbelts and anyone reported by the driver for misbehaving may be barred from using the bus, either temporarily or permanently.

Please note that school buses cannot wait for late students. If students are required to leave to catch the bus, they must inform teachers in advance.

For further information please visit coachtravel.me

Special Educational Needs

Huddersfield Grammar School accepts responsibility for the educational needs of all children and for their physical wellbeing while they are on the school premises. The school employs a specialist SENCo, Mrs Roy, who coordinates our approach to Special Educational Needs.

Every effort is made in the case of genuine need or difficulty to give appropriate and sympathetic support. Should the school be unable to provide this support within its existing structure, we will discuss the situation with parents, educational services and other appropriate professional bodies.

Photographs of Children

In line with legislation covering the use of children's photographs in the media (including the internet), we will ask you to provide your written consent for the school to use photographs of your son/daughter where appropriate.

Photographs may be used for a variety of purposes, including advertising, publicity pieces in the press, on our Facebook site, the School prospectus, CDs, DVDs and on our school website.

Please notify the school in writing should you not wish for your child to be photographed and we will respect this.

In line with GDPR regulations, parents are requested to desist from taking photographs or recording videos at school events.

School Events

A range of school events take place throughout the academic year, including Parents' Evenings, concerts, drama performances, sports fixtures and charity events. Parents and family are always welcome to join us for such activities. The school will provide relevant information ahead of each event, including the number of available tickets and entry time to the school grounds.



Useful contacts

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Deputy Head (Pedagogy)	Mrs O Wareham	owareham@huddersfield-grammar.co.uk
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Pre-Prep Team:

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Things to remember

Please use this page to jot down anything important that you don't want to forget or any questions you may wish to ask.

The whole child is the whole point.