



**HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE.**  
**ADMISSIONS**  
**INFORMATION**  
**2024/25.**

Since 1893

# WELCOME TO HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE

**“A culture of high achievement  
pervades the school.”**

ISI Inspection Report

We believe that joining a new school should be exciting and engaging for pupils and as stress-free as possible for parents. We don't select pupils based solely on academic attainment, despite our excellent GCSE and A Level results, but we do look for girls who are passionate about joining our school and who have the potential to contribute to our vibrant and diverse community.

As a member of the Girls' Schools Association (GSA) our admissions process is in line with the GSA admissions code of conduct.



## **ETHOS AND AIMS**

We aim to develop a deep passion for learning and a love of life in all of our pupils. This ethos underpins everything we do and is at the heart of our school community.

We are a Christian foundation and our pupils are challenged to be the best that they can be, both inside and outside the classroom.



## ENTRY INTO YEAR 7 (UPPER 3)

Our biggest intake into College is in Year 7, (or Upper 3 as we know it). Girls join us from a wide range of prep and junior schools across Harrogate, Yorkshire, the UK and the world. Throughout the application process, pupils and parents have the opportunity to get to know the school, the teachers and the other families looking to join our community.

Year 7 Entrance Process:

- > **Registration:** Girls can be registered at any time, however, we recommend registering by the beginning of the Autumn Term in Year 6.
- > **Taster Day:** Most girls attend our Taster Day in the Autumn Term of Year 6. Girls in Year 5 are also welcome to join us. Our 2024 Taster Day is on **Saturday 9th November 2024**. For further information and to book on-line please visit [www.hlc.org.uk/tasterday](http://www.hlc.org.uk/tasterday).
- > **Application:** The next step is to complete our Application Form, the deadline for which is **Monday 2nd December 2024**.
- > **Assessment:** Once we have received your Application Form, your daughter will be invited to join us for Scholarship Assessments on **Thursday 16th January 2025** or **Friday 17th January 2025** and Entrance Exams are on **Saturday 18th January 2025**. Our Entrance Exams include Maths, English and Non-Verbal Reasoning tests, as well as an interview with either the Principal or one of our senior members of staff - we know that might all sound a bit daunting, but the girls always leave with smiles on their faces and have usually made some new friends along the way. (Sample papers for Maths and English are available on request prior to assessment). We will also ask your daughter's current school to provide a reference at this point.
- > **Offer:** We aim to confirm whether applications have been successful and issue offers in writing by the beginning of February in Year 6.
- > **Acceptance:** Once you have received an offer you will be asked to confirm your acceptance and return your deposit by **Monday 3rd March 2025**.
- > **Transition:** We have a whole programme of events, activities and communication that take place once offers have been accepted to ensure that you and your daughter are prepared, excited and part of our school community by the time you join us in September.

We understand that sometimes circumstances change, and so we do also accept applications for entry into Year 7 outside of these timescales, subject to availability of places.

## ENTRY INTO OTHER YEARS

While our largest intake into College is in Year 7, we also accept applications for entry into all other year groups including 13+ and 16+ entry, subject to availability. The process for application into other year groups is as follows:

- > **Registration:** Once you have visited us, we will ask you to complete a Registration Form to confirm that you would like to proceed with an application.
- > **Assessment:** Applicants will typically be asked to complete entrance papers in Maths and English appropriate for their age group. These can be completed at College or at your daughter's current school. We also like to see copies of your most recent school report at this stage.
- > **Interview:** Once papers have been completed your daughter will be invited for an interview with our Principal. (This can be conducted via Video Call where appropriate). We will also request a reference from your daughter's current school at this point.
- > **Offer:** If successful, we will aim to issue an offer as soon as possible after interview, typically within a week.
- > **Acceptance:** Once you have received an offer, we will ask you to complete an Acceptance Form and pay a deposit to confirm that you would like to accept the place.

We hope that the process of applying to join Harrogate Ladies' College is as straight forward as possible, however, if you have any questions please do contact our Admissions Team on 01423 537045 or email [admissions@hlc.org.uk](mailto:admissions@hlc.org.uk).

## Fees for 2024/25

### Day Fees: £6,800 per term

Our Day Fees include the following:

- > Tuition.
- > Access to school from 7.30am to 9.00pm.
- > Breakfast, lunch and supper, plus mid-morning and afternoon snacks.
- > Supervised after school homework sessions until 6.30pm.
- > 1 night free boarding per term (subject to availability).
- > Most text books.
- > Medical services provided by our dedicated Health Centre.
- > An extensive extra-curricular programme.

### Full Boarding Fees: Year 9-13 £12,975 per term Year 7-8 £12,070 per term

Our boarding fees include the following:

- > Tuition.
- > Accommodation (during term time).
- > All meals including breakfast, lunch, supper plus mid-morning and afternoon snacks.
- > Full laundry service.
- > Supervised after school homework.
- > Most text books.
- > Medical provision from the College Health Centre.
- > Extensive extra-curricular programme.

**Open Mornings**

[www.hlc.org.uk/opendays](http://www.hlc.org.uk/opendays)

## Weekly, Flexi and Occasional Boarding

We adopt a flexible approach to boarding to meet a wide range of individual family and student needs. As well as the standard termly boarding we also offer Weekly, Flexi and Occasional boarding.

All boarders have full access to the same facilities, share the same houses and receive the same levels of support from the whole family of boarding staff.

These boarding options are charged as an addition to the standard day fees as follows:

- > Weekly Boarding (4 or 5 nights a week) **£330/400 per week**
- > Flexi-Boarding (3 nights a week) **£250 per week**
- > Occasional Boarding **£85 per night**

Fees listed are applicable to EU domiciled families. For details of Non-EU fees please contact our Admissions Team on 01423 537045. Fees are invoiced termly and are payable before the start of each term or in 9 monthly instalments if paying by direct debit.

## Fee Discounts

- > 15% discount on all College fees is applied for the children of serving members of the regular UK Armed Forces.
- > Daughters and grand-daughters of former pupils are eligible for a 10% fee reduction.
- > A discount of 5% is available for any girl who has a younger sibling in College.

Parents are entitled to benefit from one of the above concessions only. This will be the highest percentage concession.

## Scholarships

Each year we award a small number of scholarships to girls joining College who demonstrate an exceptional talent or potential in a particular field including Academics, Sport, Music, Drama, Textiles, Dance, Football, Choral and Art. Scholarships carry a 5% discount on standard College Day fees.

In addition to standard scholarships, the College Scholarship Programme is a means tested scholarship for pupils with exceptional academic potential and is worth up to 110% of day fees.

For entry in September 2025, Scholarship Applications should be submitted by **Monday 2nd December 2024**. Scholarship Assessments for entry into Year 7 will take place on **Thursday 16th January** and **Friday 17th January 2025**. Scholarship Assessments for other year groups will be arranged on an individual basis.

## Music Lessons

Pre-arranged instrument and singing lessons are available on a weekly basis. Individual lessons lasting 35 minutes cost £31 per lesson.

For beginners in string, woodwind or brass, a school instrument is available for hire for the first year at a cost of £55 per term.

## Financial Assistance

We are committed to widening access to our schools to families who might not otherwise be able to fund a place. In line with this, we can provide financial assistance to a small number of families each year in the form of means tested bursaries up to 100%. We also offer a direct debit scheme enabling families to spread the cost of fees over 9 monthly instalments.

For an initial discussion about means tested financial assistance, please contact our Admissions Team on 01423 537045 or email [admissions@hlc.org.uk](mailto:admissions@hlc.org.uk).

## Registration Fee and Deposit

There is a non-refundable Registration Fee of £100 for all applications. Once you receive an offer from College, you'll also be asked to pay a deposit of £500 for day pupils and £1,000 for boarding pupils in order to secure your place.

## School Transport

We welcome day pupils from a wide range of locations across Yorkshire. To help parents juggle busy family lives, we operate 5 daily bus services to and from our school. Our bus services are operated by our own members of staff and are available on a flexible basis (subject to availability). Our current routes include:

- > **Ilkley/Addingham**  
Bolton Abbey Bridge, Addingham, Ilkley, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Otley, and Pool-in-Wharfedale.
- > **Leeds - Route 1**  
Shadwell, Moortown, Roundhay, Gledhow, Moor Allerton, Alwoodley and Harewood.
- > **Leeds - Route 2**  
Headlingley, Kirkstall, Moortown, West Park, Weetwood, Adel, Bramhope, Leeds-Bradford Airport, Pool-in-Wharfedale and Beckwithshaw.
- > **Wetherby**  
Scholes, Barwick in Elmet, Thorner, Bramham, Clifford, Boston Spa, Wetherby, Sicklinghall, Linton, Spofforth, Follifoot and Pannal.
- > **Ripon/Nidderdale**  
Ripon, Littlethorpe, Burton Leonard, Scotton, Markington, Shaw Mills, Bishop Monkton, Pateley Bridge, Summerbridge, Dacre, Darley, Thornthwaite, Kettleing, Tang, Birstwith and Hampsthwaite.

Our school transport routes are designed to meet the needs of our pupils and their families and we are always happy to consider new or customised routes where possible.

## Bank Transfer Information

Fees, deposits and registration fees can be paid directly to Harrogate Ladies' College by electronic bank transfer. Please quote your daughter's full name as a reference when making a payment.

### Bank Details:

Barclays Bank plc  
Banbury  
Oxfordshire  
OX16 8PS

### Account Details:

Sort Code: **20-03-50**  
Account: **Harrogate Ladies' College fees a/c**  
Account No: **30489506**  
IBAN code: **GB63 BARC 2003 5030 4895 06**  
BIC code: **BARCGB22**

## Curriculum\*

| Key Stage 3 – Years 7, 8 and 9               | GCSE – Years 10 and 11    | A LEVEL – Years 12 and 13       |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Art  | Advanced Mathematics      | Art and Design                  |
| Biology (Years 8 & 9)                        | Art and Design            | Art and Design - Textiles       |
| Chemistry (Years 8 & 9)                      | Art and Design - Textiles | Biology                         |
| Classical Civilisation (Years 7 & 8)         | Biology                   | Business Studies                |
| Computing                                    | Chemistry                 | Chemistry                       |
| Drama  | Computer Science          | Economics                       |
| English                                      | Double Award Science      | English Literature              |
| French                                       | Drama                     | French                          |
| Games  | Economics                 | Further Mathematics             |
| German                                       | English Literature        | German                          |
| Geography                                    | English Language          | Geography                       |
| History                                      | Food and Nutrition        | History                         |
| Food Technology                              | French                    | Latin                           |
| Latin (Year 9)                               | German                    | Mathematics                     |
| Mathematics                                  | Geography                 | Music                           |
| Music  | History                   | PE (Physical Education)         |
| PE (Physical Education)                      | Latin                     | Photography                     |
| Physics (Years 8 & 9)                        | Mathematics               | Physics                         |
| PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) | Music                     | Psychology                      |
| Religious Studies & Philosophy               | PHSE                      | Religious Studies               |
| Science (Year 7)                             | Physical Education        | Spanish                         |
| Spanish                                      | Physics                   | Theatre Studies                 |
| Swimming                                     | Religious Studies         |                                 |
| Textiles                                     | Spanish                   |                                 |
|  |                           | <b>Advanced Diploma Level 3</b> |
|  |                           | Food Science and Nutrition      |

\*Subjects in a particular year may differ to those cited above.

In Year 7, pupils choose to study two Modern Foreign Languages from French, German and Spanish and will continue to study these subjects in Year 8. In Year 9, pupils choose four option subjects, at least one of which must be a Modern Foreign Language.

## Other Examination Options

LAMDA (Speech and Drama)

Music Examinations – Associated Board of the Royal School of Music (ABRSM)

Music Diplomas – ABRSM and Trinity Guildhall

IELTS

EPQ

# Curriculum 2024/25

## SPORTS

|                  |                  |              |
|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Aerobics         | Golf             | Self Defence |
| Athletics        | Gymnastics       | Street Dance |
| Badminton        | Horse Riding     | Swimming     |
| Basketball       | Lacrosse         | Tennis       |
| Cricket          | Netball          | Trampolining |
| Dance            | Outdoor Pursuits | Volley Ball  |
| Fitness Training | Rounders         |              |
| Football         | Running          |              |

## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES - Our clubs offer does change every year, the below is a representative list

|                        |                                    |                                    |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Art                    | Design for Change Digital Leaders/ | Medics Club                        |
| Astronomy              | Coding Club                        | Oxbridge Preparation               |
| Baking Club            | Duchy Enterprise                   | Prep Support                       |
| Board Games            | Duke of Edinburgh                  | School Productions                 |
| Book Club              | Eco Committee                      | So you want to be a Vet or Doctor? |
| Business Breakfast     | French Club                        | Spanish for Beginners              |
| Charity Committee      | HLC Apprentice                     | STEM Club                          |
| Chemistry Olympiad     | HLC Magazine                       | TED Club                           |
| Creative Art and Craft | House Drama                        |                                    |
| Creative Writing       | Mathematics Club                   |                                    |

## MUSIC - Individual Music (lessons in all Instruments and Voice)

|                         |                       |                                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Band Club               | Lower School Ensemble | Bepoke Ensembles for Wind,        |
| Chapel Choir            | Music Theory Clubs    | Strings and Vocals as appropriate |
| Gallery Choir           | Orchestra             |                                   |
| House Music Competition |                       |                                   |

## ISI Inspection – Excellent in All Areas (2-18 years)

The independent ISI inspectors spent 3 days undertaking a detailed inspection of Harrogate Ladies' College and our associated prep school and pre-school. The inspectors awarded us the highest possible rating of Excellent in All Areas from 2 to 18 years. Here are some of the key findings of our Education Quality Inspection:

### The quality of the pupils' academic and other achievements is EXCELLENT.

- > A culture of high achievement pervades the school.
- > Academic Standards across the school are high.
- > Results at GCSE and iGCSE are above the national average for maintained schools and demonstrate consistent progress in relation to the pupils' starting points.
- > Senior school pupils are articulate and confident speakers.
- > Those in the senior school who are more able have opportunities to excel.
- > Pupils achieve excellent standards and successes in group activities and individually in music, public speaking and sports.

### The quality of the pupils' personal development is EXCELLENT.

- > All members of the school community respect different faiths and cultures.
- > Pupils develop excellent personal skills and enjoy working collaboratively.
- > Pupils learn to mix with all age groups relishing the many opportunities to work together in both house and school activities.
- > Pupils contribute very strongly to the school and wider community and are sensitive to the needs of others.

# 2024/25 Term Dates:

## Autumn Term 2024

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| <b>New Boarders' Travel Day</b>         | <b>Thursday, 5 September</b>   |
| Induction Day for <b>ALL</b> New Pupils | Friday, 6 September  |
| <b>Existing Boarders' Travel Day</b>    | <b>Saturday, 7 September, all boarders to return 09:00 - 20:00</b>                 |
| First Teaching Day                      | Monday, 9 September  |
| Half Term Begins                        | Friday, 18 October 16:30   |
| <b>Boarders' Travel Day</b>             | <b>Saturday, 19 October, boarders not staying for half term to depart by 12:00</b> |
| <b>Boarders' Travel Day</b>             | <b>Sunday, 3 November, all boarders to return by 20:00</b>                         |
| School Resumes                          | Monday, 4 November, all pupils to school for 08:30                                 |
| Term Ends                               | Friday, 13 December, 16:00   |
| <b>Boarders' Travel Day</b>             | <b>Saturday, 14 December, all boarders to depart by 12:00</b>                      |

## Spring Term 2025

|                             |   |
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| <b>Boarders' Travel Day</b> | <b>Monday, 6 January, all boarders to return by 20:00</b>                           |
| First Teaching Day          | Tuesday, 7 January, all pupils to school for 08:30                                  |
| Half Term Begins            | Friday, 14 February, 16:30  |
| <b>Boarders' Travel Day</b> | <b>Saturday, 15 February, boarders not staying for half term to depart by 12:00</b> |
| <b>Boarders' Travel Day</b> | <b>Sunday, 23 February all boarders to return by 20:00</b>                          |
| School Resumes              | Monday, 24 February, all pupils to school for 08:30                                 |
| Term Ends                   | Wednesday, 2 April 16:00  |
| <b>Boarders' Travel Day</b> | <b>Thursday, 3 April, all boarders to depart by 12:00</b>                           |

## Summer Term 2025

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Boarders' Travel Day</b> | <b>Wednesday, 23 April, all boarders to return by 20:00</b>  |
| First Teaching Day          | Thursday, 24 April, all pupils to school for 08:30   |
| May Bank Holiday            | Monday, 5 May - College closed   |
| Speech Day, 11.00am         | Saturday, 24 May, all pupils to school for 10:00   |
| Half Term Begins            | Saturday, 24 May, 13:00  |
| <b>Boarders' Travel Day</b> | <b>Saturday, 24 May, U3 to U5 boarders not staying for half term to depart between 13:00 and 19:00</b> |
| <b>Sixth Form Ball</b>      | <b>Saturday, 24 May, 19:00</b>   |
| <b>Boarders' Travel Day</b> | <b>Sunday, 25 May, L6 and U6 boarders not staying for half term to depart by 12:00</b>                 |
| <b>Boarder's Travel Day</b> | <b>Sunday, 1 June, all boarders to return by 20:00</b>   |
| School Resumes              | Monday, 2 June, all pupils to school for 08:30   |
| Term Ends                   | Friday, 11 July, 16:00   |
| <b>Boarders' Travel Day</b> | <b>Saturday, 12 July, all boarders to depart by 12:00</b>  |

## How to Apply

If you are interested in applying for an international place at Harrogate Ladies' College, please contact our Admissions Team in the first instance. The Admissions Team work closely with families and their agents (where relevant) to help make the process as smooth and as simple as possible.

### Contact:

#### Admissions Team

Email: [admissions@hlc.org.uk](mailto:admissions@hlc.org.uk)

Tel: +44 (0) 1423 537045

#### Governance

Our Chair of Governors, Francine Holroyd, and our Principal, Mrs Sylvia Brett, can be contacted via Harrogate Ladies' College, Clarence Drive, Harrogate HG1 2QG

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