HOGWARTS FACTS AND STATS

★ Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, located in a vast castle atop a high mountain, was founded by two wizards and two witches: Godric Gryffindor, Helga Hufflepuff, Rowena Ravenclaw and Salazar Slytherin.

★ Term begins at Hogwarts on 1st September and students usually reach the school on the Hogwarts Express, which leaves at eleven o’clock from Platform 9¾ of King’s Cross Station.

★ Hogwarts’ school motto is *Draco Dormiens Nunquam Titillandus* (Never Tickle a Sleeping Dragon)

★ The four houses at Hogwarts are named after the founding wizards and witches.
**GRYFFINDOR**

**Founder:** Godric Gryffindor  
**Qualities:** Bravery, chivalry, daring  
**House symbol:** A lion  
**House colours:** Scarlet and gold  
**House ghost:** Nearly Headless Nick  
**Common Room entrance:** Seventh floor, it is guarded by the portrait of the Fat Lady. To enter, students must give a password.

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**HUFFLEPUFF**

**Founder:** Helga Hufflepuff  
**Qualities:** Loyalty, hard work, fairness  
**House symbol:** A badger  
**House colours:** Yellow and black  
**House ghost:** Fat Friar  
**Common Room entrance:** Near the kitchens. To enter, students must tap a fake barrel in the rhythm of ‘Helga Hufflepuff’.

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**RAVENCLAW**

**Founder:** Rowena Ravenclaw  
**Qualities:** Wit, creativity, wisdom  
**House symbol:** An eagle  
**House colours:** Blue and bronze  
**House ghost:** The Grey Lady  
**Common Room entrance:** A high tower. To enter, students must answer a riddle or question from an eagle door knocker.

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**SLYTHERIN**

**Founder:** Salazar Slytherin  
**Qualities:** Ambition, cunning, resourcefulness  
**House symbol:** A snake  
**House colours:** Green and silver  
**House ghost:** The Bloody Baron  
**Common Room entrance:** In the dungeons, underneath the Hogwarts Lake behind a stone wall. To enter, students must give a password.