



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

13th November 2020

Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saturday 14th November• Monday 16th November• Thursday 19th November• Friday 4th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diwali – Festival of Light• Governors Meeting• Aspirations Day• Training Day – School will be closed to all pupils |
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PROTECT OTHERS BY KEEPING YOUR DAUGHTER AT HOME IF DISPLAYING ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

CONTINUE TO CHECK SCHOOL GATEWAY AND THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Government Guidance Updates: 5th November 2020 National restrictions apply to England till 2nd December.

- you cannot meet socially with anyone indoors unless they are in your support bubble
- there are changes to how many people you can meet outside
- you must not travel in the UK or overseas, unless for a specific reason, like education, work or a caring responsibility

Information on the new national restrictions and the financial support available can be found on this link.

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Face Masks

Your daughter **MUST** bring a face mask into school every day which must be worn as pupils move around the school building and in communal areas. Please inform us if your daughter is exempt from the existing face covering obligations, due to an underlying health condition, if so, she will continue to be exempt from these new obligations.

If your daughter has a medical condition that places her in the clinically extremely vulnerable category, she should have received a letter from her GP or the NHS advising her to shield. Please advise the school if this is the case.





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GCSE Pod: 609 pods have been streamed and 31 downloaded over the last week; 82% of the school have active accounts with English Literature, English Language and RS being the most accessed subjects across the school. The 'Pod Games' began again on 1st November, and we are in 15th place out of 114 schools in the region.

Individual year group figures are as follows:

Year 7	57%	with active accounts, 28 pods accessed; Maths, Chemistry and History are the most watched subjects.
Year 8	83%	102 pods; English Literature, Biology, History
Year 9	93%	114 pods; English Literature, Maths, History
Year 10	96%	142 pods; English Literature, Biology, Combined Science/History
Year 11	99%	256 pods; English Language, RS, Creative iMedia

Year 10 – Supporting Your Daughter with her Learning: Parents and carers of all Year 10 pupils have received a letter via School Gateway with information about accessing our 'Supporting Your Daughter with her Learning' workshop in partnership with Learning Performance. As we all adjust to different ways of doing things in the current circumstances, this has moved to an online video; please access the video via the information provided in the letter.

➤ <https://onehub.learningperformance.com/files/z3rsdti4>

The password to access the video has been sent out via School Gateway and the video will be available until Friday 27th November. After you have accessed the workshop, we would encourage you to provide us with feedback by completing a short evaluation [Click Survey](#)

We will be sharing some tips from **Learning Performance** for supporting learning with parents over the next three weeks; week two is '[Learn to Learn Strategies Parent Blast](#)' which may be of particular interest to parents of Year 10 and Year 11 pupils.

Additional Resources:

Aspirations Day

Pupils will be taking part in a range of activities to support their understanding of the 'next steps' in their education journey and considering the world of work on Aspirations' Day. Pupils will participate in virtual workshops delivered by a number of outside agencies, as well as activities





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run by school staff. Please take the time over the coming week to discuss future plans with your daughter and help her to understand the steps required to support her future success. A more detailed summary will follow in the school newsletter at the end of this half-term.



Value of the month – November '**Courage**' Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support please use the following link. [Poster](#) and [30-day courage](#).

- **Anti-Bullying week:** Monday 16th – Friday 20th November. This year's theme is United Against Bullying. Please click on the link for further information [PowerPoint presentation](#)
- **Thought for the week:** 'Armistice' see [PowerPoint](#) presentation and [video](#).
- **Job of the Week:** 'Cardiologist'. Click on the link for more information [Cardiologist](#)

Textile Announcement: We know that many pupils enjoy practical tasks in Textiles' lessons. Please note that practical tasks for Years' 8 and 9 set as part of blended learning or homework are optional; please ensure appropriate supervision at home if your daughter is undertaking these. If you have any questions, please email h.walsh@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk

Reminder: World Food Day Competition deadline 27th November.

Create a piece of art to highlight the amount of food that is wasted and ways to reduce it. Work creatively to any size, from an art history period and use materials of your choice. Your competition entry must have your full name and form on it.

- <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/food-waste>
- <https://www.widewalls.ch/magazine/food-in-art-history>

Further Education: Joseph Chamberlain – Sixth Form College

Virtual open evenings for 2020/2021 on Tuesday 17th November, 19th January and 23rd February 5:00pm – 6:30pm.

The online event include:

- College/department videos
- Course information booklets
- Live Q & A session from 5:00pm-6:30pm
- Register now: www.jcc.ac.uk





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School Information

Free School Meals: It is our understanding that the Free School Meals' vouchers which Birmingham City Council agreed to fund for the October half-term holiday will be retrospectively sent out to schools from 16th November. We will endeavour to send these out by email as soon as we can. Please contact school if you have any queries enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk.

School Office:

Due to the national lockdown and guidance regarding not undertaking unnecessary journeys, parents and carers must not visit the school site unless specifically requested by a member of staff. Please contact school reception on 0121 4643094 or email enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk should you need to get in touch with school.

Notices

Uniform Reminder for ALL pupils:

- Students should be wearing either the black school microfleece **OR** the Burgundy Hoodie with their PE uniform on days when they have PE. We highly recommend that this is purchased with the colder months upon us.
- They should not be wearing non-school uniform sweatshirts at any time. Please can we also remind parents that if opting to wear black leggings/tracksuit bottoms instead of the school tracksuit bottoms (with the school logo) these should be **PLAIN** black, they should not have white lines, branded logos or any other writing on them.
- **School lunches:** please can we ask that you continue to support the school by not allowing your daughters to bring crisps, energy drinks, chocolate, or sweets in to school. Packed lunches should comprise of heathy food only.
- **Water:** Students are asked to bring enough plain water in to school to sustain them throughout the day. This should be carried in a suitable container e.g. plastic water bottle. Due to the current situation, we are unable to allow students to use the water fountains.





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Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Keeping your daughter safe online:

All parents/carers need to be aware of what their daughter are accessing when online. Young people often access sites that are not appropriate for their age. Click on the school website for further guidance on staying safe online.

- <https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/parents/online-safety>

Check your security and privacy settings

- Adjust privacy and safety settings to increase security and control the personal data you share. Look for the 'privacy and security' or 'settings' on the app or website.
- [Review the security settings](#) on your 'smart' devices. If your device is using a default or easily guessable password, change it.
- [Set up two-factor authentication](#). This is a free security feature to stop unwanted people getting into your accounts. You will receive a text or code when you log in to check you are who you say you are.
- [Update your devices](#). Using the latest version of software and apps can immediately improve your security.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other



Wash hands

keep washing your hands regularly



Cover face

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



Make space

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

National Lockdown – HELPING TO KEEP BIRMINGHAM SAFE

Stay Alert, Stay Safe.





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If your child develops symptoms associated with Covid-19 whilst at **home**, please keep them at home and follow the process outlined below. If your child develops symptoms associated with Covid-19 whilst **at school**, we will isolate them immediately, providing the support and reassurance they will require. We will contact you and require that you collect them immediately from school. Please take them straight home and follow the same process outlined below.

Step One: CONTACT

the NHS and request a COVID-19 Test from them online or by calling 119. Do not visit your GP, pharmacy, hospital or other healthcare provider. Call 999 if emergency care is needed.

Step Two: ISOLATE

Your child should isolate for 10 days after symptoms appear and other people in your household should isolate for 14-days.

Step Three: TEST

Get a test. Keep your child at home until she gets her results.

Step Four: RESULTS

You should receive your results within 72 hours. If the test is negative, your daughter and household may stop isolating although they must not return to school until they are well. **Please inform us of a negative test result immediately.**

Step Five: A POSITIVE TEST RESULT

If your child tests positive for Coronavirus, contact tracers will contact you to inform you of the isolation regulations you will need to follow. **Please inform us of a positive test result immediately.**

