



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

16th October 2020

Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st – 31st October• Monday 19th October• Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
• Saturday 24th October• Wednesday 21st October
• Thursday 22nd October
• Thursday 22nd October and Friday 23rd October
• Saturday 31st October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black History Month• Governors meeting• Half term Holiday (school closed to pupils)• United Nations Day• Year 8 - Mindset workshops with Learning Performance (40 pupils)• Year10 - Power-Hour Revision Techniques' Workshops with MADE (40 pupils)
• Y11 Revision Techniques' Workshop with MADE (all Y11)• Halloween |
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PROTECT OTHERS BY KEEPING YOUR DAUGHTER AT HOME IF DISPLAYING ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

CONTINUE TO CHECK SCHOOL GATEWAY AND SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES

IMPORTANT:

Drop and collect Covid testing service: Please click on the following link for important information. [Birmingham City Council](#)

Reminder from West Midlands Police: With the darker nights fast approaching, it is important that students are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of behaviour. [Please see copy of letter](#)

Attendance

The Pastoral team have identified a high level of minor illnesses reported by parents. We appreciate that during the coronavirus pandemic, students have also been unwell with cold, flu, sickness, etc. however, any absences that the school would consider as a minor illness – unless





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COVID-19 symptoms are exhibited - will be unauthorised. Any concerns can be raised with the Pastoral Manager and Attendance and Welfare Officer.

Face Masks

Your daughter **MUST** wear a face mask to school every day, plus a spare mask if using a single use mask. These will need to be stored in a sealable plastic bag. Masks 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.

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

Local Lockdown – HELPING TO KEEP BIRMINGHAM SAFE

Find out what you can and cannot do if you live, work or travel in the West Midlands. Please familiarise yourself with the local lockdown requirements for Birmingham.

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/birmingham-sandwell-and-solihull-local-restrictions>

Government guidance updates: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>





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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.**





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School Information

Free School Meals: If pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals are self-isolating, their entitlement to FSM remains. Food parcels are available for self-isolating pupils in receipt of FSM; please contact school reception by telephone or email (enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk)

School Office:

In the interests of adhering to social distancing you should only visit the school office if it is absolutely necessary. We are trying to limit the number of visitors by asking our parents/carers to ensure that their daughter is fully equipped for the school day (lunch, school equipment, face mask etc.) Please be aware that only one person of the family will be allowed in at any time. We ask that all queries are emailed to enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk or you can call on 0121 464 3094.

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.

Year 8 and Year 9: “Supporting Your Daughter with her Learning” Workshop with Learning Performance. A video-link has been provided for parents via School Gateway; please read the accompanying letter and resource provided with this. We hope you find this a valuable activity to support the work you do at home as we all work together to enable your daughter to make the most of her ability.





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Birmingham City University: BCU have a free personal statement guide which is packed full of expert advice and is available for download now. Providing writing tips, structure guidance and best practice examples to ensure pupils can complete their UCAS applications to a high standard and in good time.

- [Your Personal Statement Guide](#)
- [BCU Information](#)

Learning Support: A big thank you to our newly arrived pupils who have been taking part in ESOL lessons this term as part of their settling into our school programme. It is lovely to see their dedication and efforts. Can I please remind parents to be encouraging such pupils to be using Flash Academy as part of their home learning, see link <https://flashacademy.com/>

Maths Department Announcement: This year all Maths homework will be set online. All students have access to Hegarty Maths, and Year 7 students also have access to Maths Whizz. All students have received their login details during lessons, and they will need the internet to access the programs.

Weekly tasks will consist of topics currently taught in lessons as well as topics for revision. Each student has a Virtual Learning Hegarty Maths Exercise Book to make notes as they follow the video, copy examples, and show their working out for the quiz questions. Please ensure your daughter brings this exercise book to their Maths lesson at the start of every week for teachers to check.

To encourage all students, individuals will receive rewards for their personal efforts and achievements. Weekly leader boards will be shared within lessons.

In cases of isolation, work will be set via Hegarty Maths and students are able to message their teachers through this for assistance if needed.

Memri is a new feature to Hegarty which Year 10 and 11 students should be using. It will enable your daughter to revisit and consolidate her learning and should be used in preparation for GCSE mocks and the final exam. For more information go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XV7Se2cCqPc> and watch the video.

Thank you for your support in helping us to achieve success with your daughter. M.ainge@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk





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GCSE Pod: 545 pods have been watched in the last week. Individual year group figures are as follows:

Year 7	42%	139 pods accessed; English Language, History and English Literature are the most accessed subjects.
Year 8	82%	60 pods; Physics, Texts for Drama, History
Year 9	90%	97 pods; English Literature, Physics, Maths
Year 10	95%	86 pods; English Literature, History and French
Year 11	99%	166 pods; English Language, History, English Literature

- **Value of the month – 'Kindness'** Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support please use the following link. [Poster](#)
- **Thought for the week: 'Freedom'** see [PowerPoint](#) presentation and [video](#).
- **Job of the Week: Equality and Diversity Officer.** Click on the link for more information [Careers](#)

Keeping your daughter safe online:

All parents/carers need to be aware of what their daughter/s 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>

