



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October</li><li>• Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October</li><li>• Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October</li><li>• Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October</li><li>• Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October</li><li>• Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Black History Month</li><li>• World Mental Health Day</li><li>• Restart a Heart Day (Red Cross)</li><li>• World Food Day</li><li>• Governors meeting</li><li>• Half term</li></ul> |
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## School Notice

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

### **IMPORTANT: Survey Link for Parents/Carers**

The parent survey was launched on School Gateway on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. If you have not had the chance to complete, then please click on the following link which needs to be completed by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October, this date has been extended. [Survey Link](#)

### **Self-Isolation**

If your daughter is self-isolating either individually or as part of a self-isolating bubble, she will need to remain at home during the isolation period. If she displays COVID-19 symptoms during this time, please notify school and ensure that she gets a test. Once you have received the results please let the school know the outcome. If your child develops symptoms associated with COVID-19 whilst at school, we will isolate them immediately. 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.

### **Education**

During any period of self-isolation, the school will continue to provide work aligned to the normal curriculum via ClassCharts. It is important that your daughter completes the work set as this follows her normal timetabled lessons. Parents and pupils have all received log in details for the ClassCharts app, if you have any difficulties in accessing the work please contact your daughter's Pastoral Manager at the school. Pupils may also use their school email to contact a teacher if needed.



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## Free School Meals

School will continue to provide food during this period if you are entitled to FSM. Please contact Miss Belnavis at the school so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

## PROTECT OTHERS BY KEEPING YOUR DAUGHTER AT HOME IF DISPLAYING ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

## 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.

Please remember:

- **HANDS** - Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds with running water, soap and sanitiser.
- **FACE** - Cover your face in enclosed spaces, especially where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- **SPACE** - Stay 2 metres apart where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.





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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.**

**Local Lockdown – HELPING TO KEEP BIRMINGHAM SAFE**



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Please familiarise yourself with the local lockdown requirements for Birmingham.

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

## **Affected local areas:**

- Birmingham (city council area)
- Sandwell (metropolitan borough council area)
- Solihull (metropolitan borough council area)
- Wolverhampton (city council area), from Tuesday 22 September

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

## **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](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk)) if you need further information and would like to arrange to receive your food parcel.

## **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](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) or you can call on 0121 464 3094.

## **Subject Information**

### **Reminder for all pupils:**

- Crisps, chocolate and sweets are not permitted in school.
- PE bottoms with the school logo on, plain black leggings or tracksuit bottoms are permitted when you have PE. No branding should be visible.
- Jumpers worn with PE kit should be the black micro fleece with the school logo or the burgundy hoodie with the school logo. Other hoodies/zip up tops are not permitted in the school building

**Attention Year 7 Pupils:** Please ensure you are at school by 8.00am every day and that you are bringing your mask to school.



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**Year 7 Curriculum Evening:** Due to COVID-19, we have been unable to hold our Year 7 Curriculum Evening in person. It is available virtually via the school website; parents and carers of Year 7 pupils should access the virtual 'Year 7 Curriculum Evening' via the school website; <https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/news/2020-10-05-year-7-virtual-curriculum-evening>. If parents and carers have any questions, they should contact Ms. Khan, Pastoral Manager for Year 7.

**BIG BATTERY HUNT**

All Year 7 Pupils have been given a box to start collecting old batteries for recycling. The collection started on 7<sup>th</sup> October till 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Announcement by Art, Design & Technology Department:** In the current situation Art, Design & Technology would like to encourage family learning with your daughters' in Key Stage 3 by supporting them with a range of opportunities to engage in practical work at home. Some pupils are keen to create and further their skills and knowledge at home and specific tasks have been developed to support this. If your daughter chooses to take part in these tasks, please could you ensure that they are carried out safely. Keep an eye on future bulletins and ClassCharts for these opportunities.

**Art Department:** Birmingham's newest art gallery is now open, overlooking the Brindley Place Canal in the city centre. The exhibition currently on show is the Black Artist for Black History Exhibition. Their opening hours are 11.00am to 5.30pm Tuesday to Saturday and 11.00am to 4.00pm on Sundays. <https://birmingham-cag.uk/>

**GCSE Pod:** 465 pods have been watched in the last week with English Literature, History and Maths the most accessed subjects across the whole school. Individual year group figures are as follows:

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<b>Year 7</b>	<b>27%</b>	86 pods watched; Maths, English Language and History have been the most watched subjects
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>83%</b>	101 pods; English Literature, Biology, Physics
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>90%</b>	16 pods; English Literature, History, Maths
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>95%</b>	122 pods; French, English Literature, Combined Science
<b>Year 11</b>	<b>99%</b>	140 pods; History, RS, English Language



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**History:** Eleven pupils have volunteered and taken part in the 'Black History Month Pupil Committee' this year. They have worked closely with Ms Bold to create and distribute resources for pupils on the issues surrounding Black History Month. The activities and resources created by the Black History Month Pupil Committee will do its part in maintaining the atmosphere of kindness and respect in our school. The activities will be delivered by staff in form time during the week commencing 19th October but are designed by pupils for pupils. We look forward to seeing the excellent work pupils produce both in and outside of school. Pupils will be sent a copy of all resources for them to use at home and share with those they live with.

- <http://birminghamblackhistorymonth.co.uk/>

**PE Department 'Be My Best Challenge':** September task cards have been well received with pupils attempting to achieve as many tasks as possible throughout the month. Pupils will be issued certificates if they have achieved 5 or more tasks ranging from Bronze to Platinum. Now with the start of October here we have a new challenge card for pupils to attempt. Pupils can get these from their PE teachers. Participation in this challenge will also gain valuable House points! Good luck for the October '**Be My Best Challenge**'.

- [Task Card link](#)

**Science:** Year 11 Triple Science students have been given the opportunity to sign up for the FREE VIRTUAL Isaac Physics GCSE Revision Masterclass!

- Saturday 17th October 10.00am – 1.00pm
- Small group teaching by Isaac staff and expert teachers via Zoom
- Revise Radioactive Decay and Half Life, Momentum and Waves
- Students will need an electronic device connected to the internet and parental consent.

This is a brilliant opportunity for students to brush up on their Physics and it is taught by staff at Cambridge University. Students should check their emails for further details.

## Physics Evening Lectures

The Institute of Physics evening lectures are back and in online webinar form hosted by the University of Birmingham. Starting on the **27<sup>th</sup> October 7:30 pm** with a talk titled "**Our Home Galaxy, The Milky Way**" from **Prof Victor Debattista, University of Central Lancashire**.

- [Registration is essential to gain access to the webinar.](#)

More details can be found by emailing Miss Pitt [j.pitt@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:j.pitt@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) or on this link: <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/physics/outreach/secondary-schools/iop-evening-lectures.aspx>



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## **BBC Young Reporter Competition:**

- The BBC is looking for young people aged 11-18 who want to report on a story or issue which is important to their life or the world around them.
- The Young Reporter Competition gives young people like you a unique chance to tell their story on TV, radio, online or on social media with the help of BBC journalists, producers and programme makers.
- To enter you need to send them an outline of the story idea online [here](#) before the closing date, Saturday **31 October 2020**.

## **Wellbeing**

- **Value of the month – 'Kindness'** Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support please use the following link. [Poster](#) and [30 day challenge](#).
- **Thought for the week: 'Mindset'** see [PowerPoint](#) presentation and [video](#).

## **Do you as a parent/carer feel that you need someone to talk to about your child during the return to school phase?**

Birmingham Educational Psychology Service is providing a telephone helpline for any parents or carers of children in Birmingham, who feel they would benefit from a consultation with a psychologist to support them with any concerns arising at this time, for them or their families. [See link](#)

**Hodge Hill Community Food Club:** is for people living in Bromford and Hodge Hill, and nearby areas. If you are struggling or know of someone in the area in need of extra support, click on the link for further details.

- <https://www.stwilfridscommunitycentre.co.uk/hodgehillcommunityfoodclub>

**British Red Cross:** To mark this year's Restart a Heart Day on Friday 16 October British Red Cross are encouraging everyone to learn how to safely and confidently help someone who is unresponsive and not breathing. [Restart a Heart Day](#) click on the link for details.

## **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>