



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

5th July 2019

Diary

Date	Information
Monday 8 th July	Year 10 Mock MFL Speaking Examinations
Tuesday 9 th July	Speakers 4 Schools Lecture by Dr Michael Stich from Aston University Year 10 Mock MFL Speaking Examinations Last Day for Year 10 pupil to apply for the Year 11 Achieve Conference
Wednesday 10 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 11 th July	Sports Day (Reserve)
Friday 12 th July	Year 10 visit to Europa Centre for Languages
Monday 15 th July	Year 10 Mock MFL Speaking Examinations
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 10 Mock MFL Speaking Examinations
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 10 Mock MFL Speaking Examinations
Thursday 18 th July	Something Different Day
Friday 19 th July	Non-uniform Day
Monday 22 nd July	Start of the School Summer Holiday
Thursday 22 nd August	Year 11 Exam Results Day

Notices

End of Year Reports – We are currently in the process of sending out the end of year reports by post. Please review and discuss your daughter's end of year report with her.

Certificates – We have a number of certificates of qualifications for pupils that left our school between 2014 and 2018 which are still to be collected. Certificates of qualifications are important documents that are often required by colleges, universities or employers. Past pupils should contact Ms Qureshi to arrange a suitable time to collect their certificates. Any remaining certificates that are not collected will be confidentially shredded in November 2019.

Library Books – All pupils must return all library books they have to the library as soon as possible. Pupils that have borrowed Renaissance Reading books must return these books as soon as they have finished reading them. We are in the process of reviewing and updating our Library. As part of this initiative all books that are no longer relevant or appropriate for use by our pupils are being donated to two charities: Marie Curie and a school in Africa.

Assemblies – This week Year 7 to Year 9 have had assemblies on 'Making the Most of Our City'. This video celebrates sport and Birmingham as the city gets ready for the Commonwealth Games in 2022. Watch the video on [this link](#).



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Year 11 Achieve Conference at University of Birmingham in September 2019 - All Year 10 pupils have been provided with the opportunity to apply for a place on a one-day 'Achieve Conference' at the University of Birmingham which is designed to support aspirations and understanding of the importance of working hard throughout Year 11. Places are limited and Year 10 pupils should ask their tutors for a form to apply. Attendance at the 'Achieve Conference' will be fully facilitated by the school. The deadline for pupils to submit their application is 9th July and successful applicants will be informed before the end of the summer term.

Sports Day - Our annual sports day is scheduled for Wednesday 10th July. All pupils will be involved, either by competing or supporting their house. During lessons 2 and 3 pupils will compete in a variety of track events. The field events will take place in the afternoon, during lessons 4 and 5. Pupils who are taking part in sports day should come to school wearing their PE kit. It is important that all pupils have a drink, sun cream and a hat with them on this day. If your daughter has asthma, please ensure that she has an inhaler in school.

Hay fever and Asthma - During the summer, some pupils will suffer with hay fever. Medication for hay fever should be taken at home before school if needed.

If your daughter suffers with asthma/allergies, please ensure that you have returned the medication form (a copy is available on [this link](#)) and that a working, in date inhaler, clearly labelled with the pupils name is brought to school throughout this period.

Value Voice Crew - Every month our Value Voice Crew promote a different value. The value for July is 'Individual Liberty'. This is the right to believe, act and express oneself freely. It is seen in daily life through

- Equality and human rights
- Respect and dignity
- Choice, consent and individuality
- Values and principles

More information is on [this poster](#).

Please support by promoting and discussing individual liberty at home. You may wish to use [this questionnaire](#) as a prompt during your discussions. If you are willing to share your answers, please print, complete and return your questionnaire to Ms Hussain, Head of Humanities.

Spare Uniform - We are collecting any spare uniform, PE kit and training shoes that we can use in emergencies. If you have any items of uniform that are either too small or that you no longer require please donate them to the Pastoral Office.

Year 10 MFL Mock Examinations - Pupils have been informed of the time for their speaking mock examinations in French, Spanish and Urdu, which are happening between 8th and 17th July. It is important for pupils to practice and essential that they arrive on time for their examination.

Speakers 4 Schools Lecture by Dr Michael Stich from Aston University - We are thrilled to be welcoming Dr Michael Stich to our school on Tuesday 9th July for a scientific/mathematical lecture. More information on Dr Stich is available on [this link](#). The lecture will be of greatest relevance to those pupils considering A-levels in Chemistry, Maths and/or Geography, and/or those considering careers in Medicine, Geography, Chemistry or Maths. Participating pupils will be given a 'Student Prep Sheet' on Monday in order to support them with carrying out a brief research task before the talk on Tuesday. You may wish to discuss this with your daughter on Monday evening.

All Pupils, Something Different Day - Preparations are well underway for 'Something Different Day', which is taking place towards the end of term. The aim of the day is to provide new and different learning opportunities and activities. Pupils have had the opportunity to indicate their preferences and we are doing our best to include pupils in one of their chosen options. Early next week letters will be issued for pupils who indicated 'French Restaurant' as their first choice or 'Volunteering' high in their preferences and places for these off-site activities will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis; a voluntary contribution is requested for 'French Restaurant' via ParentPay.

Smallpeice Trust – There are some vacancies on summer residential courses organised by the Smallpeice Trust. These courses are a great opportunity to learn about engineering, university life, enhance applications and make friends. More information is available on [this link](#).

Year 9 and Year 10 GCSE History Summer Work – Year 9 and Year 10 GCSE History pupils have been given summer pre-tutoring to complete over the summer in preparation for the next academic year. It is important that pupils engage with this task in a meaningful way to give them the best possible advantage next year. Please support and encourage your daughter with these tasks. A copy of the work is available on these links: [Year 9](#) and [Year 10](#)

GCSE Pod –GCSE Pod is an excellent resource that is available for our pupils to use in support of their homework, to research topics they will be studying next year, to refresh their knowledge of topics that they have studied and to prepare for assessments and examinations.

Additionally, the [GCSE Pod Parents section](#) contains lots of useful advice to help parents support their daughter with their use of GCSE pod and in the development of good study skills.

Year 11 – Examination Results Day is on Thursday 22nd August 2019. Your daughter will be expected to collect her results between 10:00am -12:00 noon from the Upper iLZ. If your daughter is unable to collect her results, she should contact Ms Qureshi in advance. Your daughter will need to provide the name and photographic evidence of the person collecting her results on her behalf. Any photographic evidence provided will be confidentially shredded in accordance to GDPR regulations once the results have been collected. More information is available in [this letter](#), which was given to all pupils at the end of their Leavers Assembly.

Access to School Site – Parents are reminded that they are **not** allowed to access the school site at the beginning or end of the school day. This is to ensure the safety of all our pupils on their arrival and departure from school. If you are travelling by car to bring or collect your daughter from school, you should park in a safe location and walk to the school gate.

2019/2020 Term Dates – Please note the following term dates for the next school year and ensure that any holidays are booked during the school holidays.

	Autumn Term 2019	Spring Term 2020	Summer Term 2020
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 th September 2019	Monday 6 th January 2020	Monday 20 th April 2020
Half Term	Monday 28 th October 2019 to Friday 1 st November 2019	Monday 17 th February 2020 to Friday 21 st February 2020	Monday 25 th May 2020 to Friday 29 th May 2020
Term Ends	Friday 20 th December 2019	Friday 3 rd April 2020	Monday 20 th July 2020

Out of Hours Learning – Throughout the year there are various opportunities for pupils to enhance their learning by attending before and after school clubs. The table below identifies our current out of hours learning opportunities.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball • History Ambassadors • Homework Club • Science • Value Voice Crew 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History • Homework Club • Rounders • Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art, Craft and Design • Cricket • Homework Club • Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French

Subject teachers can provide more advice on 'Out of Hours Learning' opportunities. To join our 'Out of Hours Learning' programme, your daughter must return the appropriate consent form to the Admin Office. Please ensure that, if you are collecting your daughter from an after-school session, you come down the drive and into Reception as this enables us to supervise pupils.

Women's Football World Cup – It has been fabulous to watch high quality women's football on the television during the World Cup. There are now only two games remaining in this competition. Our national team will play again on Saturday, this match will be available to watch on BBC iPlayer. The tournament concludes with the final, which will be shown on BBC1 and iPlayer at 15:30 on Sunday 7th July. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the game of football and watch inspirational female players from around the world. More information on the Women's World Cup is available on [this link](#).

Tennis – Wimbledon started on Monday, 1st July and continues until Sunday, 14th July. This tennis tournament provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about the sport and to watch the techniques and expertise of the current top international players. There will be comprehensive coverage of this tournament across BBC TV, radio and the BBC Sport website and App. More information on the Wimbledon Tennis Tournament is available on [this link](#).

Did you know that you can also practice tennis for free at local parks? This includes free court hire and even free tennis coaching. More information is available from [Tennis in Birmingham](#)

Forthcoming events of interest

Wildlife Photographer of the Year - The Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition provides a showcase for the world's very best nature photography. The exhibition, developed and produced by the Natural History Museum, is visiting Wolverhampton Art Gallery from 29 June 2019 to 1 September 2019. This is part of a worldwide tour, which for the first time will be showcasing the full collection of 100 images and 45 digital shots. More information is available on [this link](#).

Family Saturday at the Ikon Gallery on 6th July – This is an opportunity to visit the gallery and spend some time making and experimenting as a family with creative, hands-on activities inspired by the current exhibition. More information is available on [this link](#).

Ward End Community Fire Station Open Day on Sunday 7th July – This is a fun day that would appeal to the whole family. There are a range of activities by the fire service on safety, demonstrations and careers advice in addition to community stalls, halal food, children's rides and bouncy castle. More information is available on [this link](#).

Summer in Southside on 13th and 14th July – Birmingham Hippodrome's free family festival blasts into outer space in 2019, with the streets around the theatre transformed into a lunar landscape packed with performances and extra-terrestrial endeavours. More information is available on [this link](#).

The Makers Meet, Saturday 20th July - A one-day festival for those that have the desire to create the products of tomorrow or help change the industry for the better. There are many guests from industry who will share stories, give careers advice, hold workshops and show some future technologies. This event is taking place at the Custard Factory in Digbeth. More information is available on [this link](#).

Brindleyplace Film Festival on 15th to 21st July – Now in its 8th year, this popular and completely free film festival will showcase a wide selection of fantastic movies on a big screen in Central Square. More information is available on [this link](#).

Clayground Collective: Crater Formations at Midlands Arts Centre – On Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July there is a fabulous opportunity for you to take part in free workshops to use the limitless power of your imagination and squishy clay to sculpt an epic lunar landscape! More information is available on [this link](#).