



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

7th June 2019

Diary

Date	Information
Friday 7 th June	Year 10 End of Year Examinations Start
Sunday 9 th June	HSBC UK Let's Ride Birmingham LEAF Open Farm Sunday
Tuesday 11 th June	Year 10 Work Experience Placement Interviews (2:30pm onwards)
Wednesday 12 th to Friday 14 th June	HHSCP Father's Day Gift Shop
14 th June	Visit to Ackers Adventure
Monday 17 th June	Inoculations – Year 8 HPV & Year 9 School Leaver Booster Visit to Lloyds House Year 6 Induction Evening
Thursday 27 th June	Year 10 Joseph Chamberlain College Taster Day
Friday 28 th June	Year 11 Leavers Assembly and PROM Visit to Sheep Wash Farm

Notices

An Exciting STEM Residential Opportunity for Pupils in Year 8 or Year 9 - Space Camp 2019 is a four night residential STEM experience that is being held near Oswestry in Shropshire between Monday 12th and Friday 16th August. During the residential pupils will work in team towards their own High-Altitude Balloon launch and retrieval, involving predictions, payload build, helium research and footage video shows. Throughout the week there will also be specialist workshops by STEM Ambassadors, including Dr Jackie Bell from the TV series 'So You Want to be an Astronaut'.

This event, which is organised by the RAF, is free of charge and will feature dormitory boarding accommodation and is fully catered throughout. All that it requires is for parents to drop off on the 12th and collect on the 16th.

For more information and to apply for this opportunity, click on [this link](#). As places are limited, it is recommended that applications are submitted as quickly as possible.

HSBC UK Let's Ride Birmingham – This is a family event with the opportunity to cycle around Birmingham City Centre with the roads closed to traffic. There is a choice of routes enabling you to cycle as much or little as you want and there is even the opportunity for free cycle hire, if you do not have your own bike. The start of the event is at Aston University (B4 7ET) on Sunday 9th June from 11am to 3pm. For more information and to register click on [this link](#).



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LEAF Open Farm Sunday – This Sunday, farms across the country are holding an open day. The open days are an excellent opportunity to learn about our food and how farming affects our everyday lives. There are two local farms that are taking part in this family event, with their details below:

Southfields Farm Address: Packington Lane, Coleshill, Warwickshire, B46 3EJ Date: 9th June 2019 Time of event: 1:00pm – 5:00pm	Whitacre Hall Address: Off Dog Lane, Nether Whitacre, Coleshill, Birmingham, Warwickshire, B46 2PD Date: 9th June 2019 Time of event: 10:00am to 4:00pm
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Alternatively, for more information or to find alternative farms click on [this link](#).

Year 6 Induction – We look forward to welcoming our Year 6 pupils and their parents/carers at our induction evening on Monday 17th June. Please ensure that you bring their daughter's original birth certificate or passport with their completed the Data Collection Booklet. Invitations with details of the times and other arrangements have been sent to all parents.

The Induction Evening will be followed by an Induction Day on Wednesday 3rd July, which is a great introduction to life at Hodge Hill Girls' School for all our new pupils.

75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings – Thursday 6th June was the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day landings. While we are a distance from the sea, Birmingham still played an important role in the D-Day landings.

- This news article explains the role played by a factory in the Jewellery Quarter that made 'clickers' for soldiers to communicate with each other during the D-Day landings. For more information click on [this link](#).
- The Science of D-Day is a fascinating documentary that explores the scientific inventions that made the Normandy landings possible. This is currently available on iPlayer and on [this link](#).

Women's Football World Cup – The FIFA Women's World Cup is starting today, 7th June. This is the eighth time the competition has been held, which was most recently won by the United States in 2015. This year there are a total of 24 countries competing. Phil Neville's England team are among the favourites. Their first match is on Sunday against Scotland, with further matches against Argentina and Japan. All the matches will be shown live across BBC TV, radio and the BBC Sport website and App. This is an excellent opportunity to watch high quality football and inspirational female players from a variety of nations.

Year 11 Revision Guides - Year 11 pupils have borrowed revision guides from school for a number of different subjects. Please ensure that revision guides are returned to the Pastoral Office once exams have been completed in the relevant subjects.

Year 11 Lockers – All Year 11 pupils must ensure that they have emptied their locker after their final examination. All locker keys should be handed into the Pastoral Office.

Hay fever - As the seasons change some pupils will suffer with hay fever. Medication should be taken before school if needed. If your daughter suffers with hay fever or allergies, please ensure that any necessary medication is brought to school throughout this period.

Year 10 Internal Examinations – A list of revision topics by subject for each year is now available on [this link](#). Please encourage your daughter to use this as she continues her revision throughout the time before her examinations.

Year 10 began their examinations on Friday 7th June. Please note that Year 10 will not be sitting an English exam in the internal examination series as they will have completed their actual GCSE English Literature exam.

A copy of the Year 10 examination timetable is available on [this link](#). Year 10 will sit the vast majority of their exams in the gym to support the development of skills for their external GCSEs in summer 2019.

Year 10 Art, Craft and Design Extended Coursework Project – Year 10 Art, Craft & Design pupils are about to start the extended coursework project required for Unit 1 of their GCSE. This element is worth 60% of

their final GCSE grade. Please can we ask that all students come prepared for lessons with their A2 folders, pencils and their GCSE guide booklet. Students are expected to complete homework of at least 1 hour a week to support the development of their skills and ideas.

Year 9 and Year 10 Science Support - We are trialling a new app called Tassomai with our Year 9 and Year 10 pupils to support revision and learning in Science, especially with the imminent examinations over the next few weeks. This app works on any smart phone, tablet or computer.

Your daughter will have received instructions on how to access and set -up Tassomai. If she has any queries, your daughter should see Dr Malik or her Science teacher.

Year 11 External Examinations - Formal written examination started on Monday 13th May. All pupils have been provided with a copy of the FINAL examination timetable printed on yellow paper. A copy of this timetable is also available on [this link](#).

Year 11 started study leave on Monday 3rd June. While they may complete their final revision at home, it is essential that they arrive in plenty of time for all their GCSE examinations. Please ensure your daughter arrives at school 15 minutes before the published start time, with all the equipment required for the examination. Morning examinations will start at 9.00AM and afternoon examinations will start at 1.00PM. If you have any questions, please contact Ms Qureshi.

Please [click here](#) to read a parent letter with important information on the arrangements for Year 11 pupils.

GCSE Pod - Pupils have been making excellent use of GCSEPod as they prepare for their examinations. During the half term holiday 1135 pods were watched by our pupils,

Year	11	10	9	8	7
Pods watched	707	152	89	178	9

The high number of pods watched by Year 11 reflects how useful some of our pupils are finding it in supporting their examination preparation. Year 7 and Year 8 also completed the majority of their end of year exams before the half term holiday.

Remember that learning is most effective when it is 'active'. To maximise learning please encourage your daughter to try one of these activities after watching GCSE Pod:

- Note down at least 5 key facts, dates, diagrams or quotes from the video.
- Create a mind map to join ideas together.
- Discuss they key learning from the pod with a family member or friend.

The [GCSE Pod Parents section](#) contains lots of useful advice to help parents support their daughter as they prepare and complete examinations. Especially recommended are '[Supporting your child through their GCSEs](#)' and '[How to deal with exam stress](#)'

Attendance - Recently we have had an increasing number of requests for holidays in term time. Pupils are expected to be in school during term time and as such holidays cannot be authorised. Please note the following term dates for the next school year and ensure that any holidays are booked during the school holidays.

	Summer Term 2019	Autumn Term 2019	Spring Term 2020	Summer Term 2020
Term Starts	Monday 29 th April 2019	Wednesday 4 th September 2019	Monday 6 th January 2020	Monday 20 th April 2020
Half Term	Monday 26 th May 2019 to Friday 31 st May 2019	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 19 th July 2019	Friday 20 th December 2019	Friday 3 rd April 2020	Monday 20 th July 2020

Out of Hours Learning – Throughout the year teachers hold intervention sessions before and after school to enhance learning and achievement. As we approach the GCSE examination period, please reinforce with your daughter the importance of attending all interventions that she is expected to. This will ensure she has the best support during her examination preparations.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • Homework Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball • History Ambassadors • Homework Club • Science 	<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.

New Youth Club – An exciting new Youth Club is opening on Saturday 8th June from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Newbridge Baptist Church on Yardley Green Road. This is a great opportunity for young people aged from 7 to 16 years to have fun, make friends and get involved. For more information phone 07949 462 086 or email club@newbridgebaptist.org.uk.

Musical Opportunities at Birmingham Symphony Hall – There are a variety of exciting free opportunities for young musicians aged from 11 to 19. This is organised by Jazzlines, it provides children and young people the chance to develop their skills as jazz and gospel musicians, vocalists and performers through ensembles, masterclasses, workshops and performance opportunities. For more information click on [this link](#).

Birmingham Museums and Art Galleries - To celebrate the opening of an exciting new interactive children’s gallery MiniBrum at Thinktank Birmingham Science Museum, Birmingham Museums and Art Galleries are offering all families with school-age children a fantastic Birmingham Museums Membership offer. Families are able to receive 10% off the price of a Family Membership if they purchase during May and June. For more information click on [this link](#).

You can also view their latest newsletter with details of forthcoming events on [this link](#).

Forthcoming events of interest

School of Jewellery Open Day on 29th June – The open day offers lots of activities for families and those interested in knowing what goes on in Birmingham’s Jewellery Quarter. This will include craft orientated activities planned, from making project to technical demonstration, lightening talks to tours as well as Q&A sessions. The aim to invite our local community into the School, show them what the School of Jewellery is about and the range of educational opportunities available from short courses and evening classes to masters and PhD's.

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 and for the first time will be showcasing the full collection, 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](#).

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 squish clay to sculpt an epic lunar landscape! More information is available on [this link](#).