



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## Diary

Date	Information
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 Mock MFL Speaking Examinations
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 Mock MFL Speaking Examinations
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 Mock MFL Speaking Examinations
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Something Different Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Non-uniform Day in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital. Awards Assemblies for Years 7 to 10.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Start of the School Summer Holiday
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Year 11 Exam Results Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	School Closed – Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School Closed – Staff Training Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	School open for all pupils

## 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.

**Year 10 College Applications** – During the Autumn Term our Year 10 pupils will be completing their college applications. In preparation for this, all Year 10 pupils should be starting to draft their personal statements. It is important that all Year 10 pupils have a completed draft ready when they return to school in September.

**All Pupils, Something Different Day** – Preparations are well underway for 'Something Different Day', which is taking place on Thursday. The aim of the day is to provide new and different learning opportunities. Pupils have had the opportunity to indicate their preferences and we are doing our best to enable pupils to take part in one of their chosen options. Early next week all pupils will be notified of their activities for something different day.

**All Pupils, Non-Uniform Day** – We will be raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital as we hold a non-uniform day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Pupils who wish to wear something different to their school uniform on this day should make a recommended donation of £1 for Birmingham Children's Hospital. Form reps will be collecting all donations next week.

**Taylor Shaw Loyalty Scheme** – Taylor Shaw, our in-school caterers, are introducing a loyalty scheme to encourage online payments by ParentPay. Under the scheme your daughter will qualify for a free school meal after her online ParentPay account has been credited with £5.00 or more on 7 occasions. A flyer is available on [this link](#).



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**Spare Uniform** – We are collecting 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.

**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.

**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 that is clearly labelled with the pupils name is brought to school throughout this period.

**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 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Half Term	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Term Ends	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

**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 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July. It is important for pupils to practice and essential that they arrive on time for their examination.

**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](#)

**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.

**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.

**Year 11 Leap Ambassadors** – Birmingham Royal Ballet LEAP Ambassadors programme is a free, year-long residency at Birmingham Royal Ballet for young people aged between 16 and 25. Participants have the chance to work alongside industry professionals, develop new skills and get an insight into how an arts organisation works. More information is available on [this link](#).

**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. We recommend that pupils continue to use GCSE Pod throughout the summer. Pupils that have watched 30 pods or more during the summer holiday (20<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> September) will be awarded a positive behaviour point. An additional point will also be awarded to the five pupils in each year that have watched the most GCSE Pods during the summer holidays.

There are a number of new pods covering study skills, including interleaving to strengthen memory, retrieval practise to help students recall information and spaced learning to ensure the information sticks. These pods will be useful to all pupils. More information is available on [this link](#).

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.

**Water Safety** - During the school holidays, and in particular in hot weather, increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning. RoSPA identify that on average 40-50 children drown per year in the UK. With your daughter, review the following links that have advice on how to remain safe, when in, on or beside water.

- [Water Safety for Children and Young People by RoSPA](#)
- [Summer Water Safety by the Canal and River Trust](#)
- [Respect the Water by RNLI Lifeboats](#)

**Women's Netball World Cup** – The Women's Netball World Cup is taking place in Liverpool between 12<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July. The England team, who are currently the Commonwealth Champions will be looking to build on this success as they compete against other international teams. The games are being broadcast by Sky and also by the BBC from 15<sup>th</sup> July. This is a great opportunity for our pupils to watch international players and to develop their understanding of the Netball. There is more information on this tournament available on [this link](#).

**Tennis** – Wimbledon started on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> July and continues until Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

## Summer Holiday Activities

**Happy Healthy Holidays** – This is a free activity programme with great meals provided free that running at various dates during the summer holidays. There is a varied programme including sport, cooking craft and much at 100 local venues across Birmingham. For more information click on [this link](#).

**Naseby Summer Programme** – The Naseby Centre has full programme of varied activities for the summer holiday. They are also taking part in the Happy Healthy Holiday's scheme, which ensures that a free meal is included For more information click on [this link](#).

**Birmingham Libraries Summer Reading Challenge** – Birmingham Libraries are looking for volunteers (aged 12-24) who love books and reading. Volunteers will be introducing library visitors to the Summer Reading Challenge, which encourages children to read 6 books during the summer.

To volunteer for the Summer Reading Challenge, you must be able to do the following:

- Attend an induction on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July (10am to 12pm)
- Start date is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. You can work up to six days per week Monday to Saturday. Shift pattern remains constant 10:45am to 3:00pm (with 30-minute break)
- Finish Date: week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> September, with a final Saturday as 7<sup>th</sup> September; and attendance at the SRC medal presentation on 14<sup>th</sup> September is optional

For more information click on [this link](#).

**Ackers Adventure Holiday Camp** – A local daily holiday scheme that is running from 22<sup>nd</sup> July until 30<sup>th</sup> August. Each day includes 2 outdoor activities and a host of other fun based and creative challenges. For more information click on [this link](#).

**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](#).

## 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](#).

**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](#).

**Book Bunch at Ward End Library** – This is fun and exciting reading group for young people aged from 11 to 17 years, of all reading abilities. The group meets monthly from 2:00pm to 3:00pm on the third Saturday each month. The next meetings are on Saturday 20th July and Saturday 17th August. More information is available on [this link](#).

**Brindleyplace Film Festival on 15th to 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Now in its 8<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](#).

**Commonwealth Social** – With three years to go until the Commonwealth Games, Birmingham 2022 is marking this momentous milestone in the countdown, to what will be a once-in-a-lifetime event, by hosting the Commonwealth Social, a free family friendly public celebration in Centenary Square, Birmingham, on Saturday 27th July 2019 from 12:00 – 19:00. This is a free event that will be a fabulous festival of sport, culture and food with the people of the West Midlands at its heart, celebrating everything that makes this vibrant region special. You can find out more about our city's preparation for the Commonwealth Games by watching the video on [this link](#).

**Mega Mela Family Funday** – 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> August between 12:00 noon and 8:00pm there is a family fun day at Ward End Park. The event is free and will feature cultural, community and sporting activities, plus a huge funfair and arts, food and fashion stalls. There will also be a live music stage.