



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

7th September 2018

Diary

Date	Information
Monday 10 th September to Friday 14 th September	Open week for parents of Year 6 pupils.
Wednesday 19 th September	Year 11 Mindset Workshops
Thursday 20 th September	Year 10 Mindset Workshops
Tuesday 25 th September	Year 11 Post 16 Plans Evening
Wednesday 26 th September	European Day of Modern Languages
Thursday 27 th September	Tapestry Prevent Performance

Notices

Welcome to this year's first edition of our Parent Bulletin, a weekly summary of important information for parents and carers. The bulletin is sent to parent email addresses using the parent pay system.

Contact Details- If your contact details change please ensure that school is notified so that we are able to contact you in case of emergency. We will shortly be in contact with all families as the local authority requests schools have at least two emergency contact details on their school system.

Please also note that we can only release pupils to parents and carers that are registered on our system.

Uniform - Please can you ensure that your daughter is wearing the correct school uniform. Trousers should not be cropped, jeans or leggings. Fake nails and nail varnish are not permitted. One pair of small stud earrings and a watch are allowed. Headscarves if worn should be plain black only.

Open week for parents of Year 6 pupils – Parents of Year 6 pupils are invited to guided tours of our school. This is an excellent opportunity to view our school, visit lessons, feel our community spirit and atmosphere and understand what our school has to offer to help with the important decision on which secondary school. Half hour appointments are available at 9:30am, 10:30am and 1:30pm each day during week commencing 10th September. Please contact our reception on 0121 464 3094 to book your place.

Parents visiting the school site – Please note that the school, grounds and car park are no smoking areas. We respectfully request that parents and visitors refrain from smoking while on our school grounds.

To ensure the safety of our pupils and those of other local schools, parents are requested to observe the restrictions on parking close to the school and not drive into school at the beginning or end of the day. Please contact the school to apply for authorisation should there be special circumstances that necessitate access to the school car park at the beginning or end of the school day.

Free School Meals – There are many advantages to claiming free school meals. Firstly, it can ensure your daughter receives a healthy meal during the school lunch break. Additionally, our school receives important



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additional funding to support the learning of our pupils on free school meals. This funding is used in a variety of ways, examples include additional targeted support and mentoring, assistance with educational visit costs, access to online study resources and books.

You may be eligible to claim free school meals for your child, up to the age of 19-years-old, if you (or your child) get one of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

For more information and to complete an online application form visit:

www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham/apply.

Year 11 GCSE Preparation - Year 11 took part in a full day of activities on Wednesday 5th September to help their preparation for success in their GCSEs next summer. Please take the opportunity over the weekend to discuss effective revision techniques and plans for post-16 education with your daughter. GCSE Pod remains available to all pupils as a vital revision resource in many subjects. Please encourage your daughter to access this on a regular basis to support her learning.

Focus on Attendance – Good attendance is vital for your daughter to achieve her full academic potential and consequently have better chances in life. As a school we are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers to improve school attendance. The target for the next school year is for pupils to achieve an attendance of at least 96%. To support this, parents are requested to ensure that any planned holidays or trips abroad are organised to happen during the school holidays. Where possible parents are requested to make medical appointments after school or during the school holidays.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Term Starts	Wednesday 5th September	Monday 7 January 2019	Monday 29 April 2019
Half Term	Monday 29 October 2018 to Friday 2 November 2018	Monday 18 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019	Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019
Term Ends	Friday 21 December 2018	Friday 12 April 2019	Monday 22 July 2019



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