



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

14th September 2018

Diary

Date	Information
Wednesday 19 th September	Year 11 Mindset Workshops
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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

Medical Information - In order to support your daughter school should be informed of any medical updates or medical needs that your daughter may have such as allergies and asthma. If your daughter has asthma she will need the correct inhaler in school and a spare in case of emergency. Any medication should be in date and a medication form completed.

After-school Clubs - Our after-school clubs will commence during week beginning Monday 17th September. Your daughter will have been given a consent form by her teacher for clubs she is invited to attend. It is important that your daughter returns her completed consent form to the Admin Office. Without the consent form she will not be able to attend.

The After-School Homework club runs Monday to Thursday in the OLC for pupils in all years. Pupils who stay to Homework Club are able to use computers to support their learning. Should your daughter wish to join the After-School Homework Club a consent form is available from Reception, which should also be returned to the Admin Office.

WW1 Soldier Talk - This year is the centenary anniversary of the Armistice. We are pleased to start our celebrations by welcoming members of the British Army for our annual talk on the life of a soldier life during the First World War. Attending this talk benefits all pupils, especially pupils in years 9 to 11, as it directly supports their History curriculum learning. If your daughter is interested in attending this talk, she should collect a consent form from her History teacher and return it to the Admin Office.

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde - 49 pupils from Year 10 will be on a trip to watch Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. This trip will support their learning of English Literature. Pupils will be leaving after lunch on Wednesday 19th September. Full details are included in the separate letter sent to parents.

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 additional funding to support the learning of our pupils on free school meals. This funding is used in a variety



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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.

Contact Details- If your contact details change, please ensure that you inform school of the new details 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.

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.

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.

Medical Appointments – Where possible parents are requested to make medical appointments after school or during the school holidays. This supports our efforts to ensure maintain good attendance at school, which is vital for your daughter to achieve her full academic potential and consequently have better chances in life.



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