



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

16th November 2018

Diary

Date	Information
Monday 19 th November	Governors Meeting
Wednesday 21 st November	RSC Schools Shakespeare Romeo and Juliet Live Stream
Thursday 22 nd November	Parent Workshop - Keeping Safe with PC Fletcher
Friday 23 rd November	Birmingham City Council Communication and Autism Team's e-Safety Coffee Morning
Thursday 29 th November	Parent Workshop - Preparation for exams and managing the exam period

Notices

Mock Examinations (Year 10 and Year 11) - Well done to Year 11 for their approach and attitude towards their Year 11 mocks so far; they will finish their mock examinations next week. Year 10 will also have two mock examinations in English Literature

Remember a copy of the **Mock Examination Timetable** is available on the school website and by [clicking here](#).

Pupil Trip to Paris - Thank you to all the parents that have paid the second instalment for the trip to Paris, March 2019. We are aware that some parents are still to make the requested payment, which is now overdue. If you have registered your daughter on this trip and not made your payment, please ensure that this is done as soon as possible.

Year 10 Work Experience - Aspirations day was also the launch of our work experience programme to Year 10. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to gain valuable experience of working in a career of interest. It is important that Year 10 pupils continue to work on their applications and are proactive in contacting companies to request work experience. Please encourage your daughter to discuss various careers and to make contact with potential employers.

GCSE Pod - 73% of the school's pupils now have active GCSE Pod accounts and usage is excellent; please ask your daughter to show you how she uses GCSE Pod to help her learning. If your daughter has not yet activated her account, please encourage her to do so.

Further information for parents on GCSE POD is available on [this link](#).

Year 7 Maths-Whizz - Well done to the majority of pupils in Year 7 who have embraced Maths-Whizz. Last week our school had the second highest usage in the country. Year 7 are



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encouraged to continue to use Maths-Whizz to support their learning of Maths, complete the short interactive progression tests and work towards their individual goals.

Centenary of the First World War One Armistice – Over the last weekend there were many commemorations for First World War Armistice and Remembrance Day. In school last week, our assemblies shared Danny Boyle’s project ‘Pages of the Sea’. Use this link to watch the moving short video as portraits of individuals from the First World War are created on our beaches, and then, as the tide rises, are washed away as thousands say a collective goodbye. www.pagesofthesea.org.uk

No Nuts in School – Please ensure that your daughter does not bring nuts or food that contains nuts to school. This is to ensure the health and safety of all our pupils. Several pupils experience allergic reactions when they are in the same room as food consisting of nuts. The contact with nuts makes these pupils feel unwell and in severe cases can be life threatening.

Thank you for your support in safeguarding all our pupils.

Parent Workshops – It is wonderful to welcome parents to our Thursday morning workshops. This week’s workshop focuses on Keeping Safe and with guest speaker PC Fletcher. As with previous workshops it will start at 9:00am and finish at 9:45am.

Below is a list of further workshops that explore a variety of relevant topics and are designed to help parents to support their daughter’s learning and wellbeing.

- 22-Nov Keeping Safe with PC Fletcher
- 29-Nov Preparation for exams and managing the exam period
- 06-Dec What is emotional and mental wellbeing and how can I help?
- 13-Dec How can I support my daughter with Maths?
- 20-Dec How is attendance celebrated in school and what can I do to help?

Booking is recommended, please ring the school on 0121 464 3094 to book your place. It may be possible to join at the beginning of a workshop and sign in.

Parents E-safety Coffee Morning - Birmingham City Council Communication and Autism Team invites parents to an E-Safety Coffee Morning on Friday 23rd November. For more information [click here](#).

Post 16 Preparations

The following table contains a list of some of the forthcoming open events. These are a great opportunity to visit colleges and sixth forms to support post 16 choices.

College	Date of next Open Event	Website address
Access Creative College	Tuesday 27 th November, 5:00pm or 6:30pm	www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/birmingham/
BMET	Saturday 24 th November, 10:00am to 1:00pm	www.bmet.ac.uk
Cadbury College	Wednesday 21 st November, 5:00pm to 8:00pm	www.cadcol.ac.uk
Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College	Thursday 29 th November, 6:00pm to 7:30pm	www.jcc.ac.uk
King Edwards VI Camp Hill School for Girls	Thursday 15 th November, 6:00pm to 8:00pm	www.kechg.org.uk
Solihull College	Saturday 24 November, 10:00am to 2:00pm	www.solihull.ac.uk
South and City College	Wednesday 21 st November, 4:00pm to 7:00pm	www.sccb.ac.uk

College	Date of next Open Event	Website address
The Sixth Form College Solihull	Thursday 15 th November, 5:00pm to 8:00pm	www.solihullsf.ac.uk
University College Birmingham	Saturday 24 November, 11:00am to 3:00pm	www.ucb.ac.uk
University of Birmingham School	Wednesday 9 th January 2019, 5:30pm to 8:00pm	www.uobschool.org.uk