



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

19th October 2018

Diary

Date	Information
Thursday 25 th October	Parent Workshop - How to safeguard my child online?
Friday 26 th October	Staff Training Day 3 (School closed to pupils)
Monday 29 th October to Friday 2 nd November	Half Term Holiday (School closed to pupils)
Monday 5 th November	Start of new half term (School Open for all pupils)
Wednesday 7 th November	Whole School Aspiration Day and Careers Convention
Thursday 8 th November	Parent Workshop - Healthy lifestyle, exercise and wellbeing for me and my family
Sunday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Monday 12 th November	Mock Examinations start
Thursday 15 th November	Parent Workshop - What does positive behaviour for learning look like at home and school?
Friday 16 th November	NEC World Skills Show Year 10

Notices

Wear it Pink - Thank you to all who have supported our 'Wear it Pink day' today and who have donated pink prizes for our raffle. We have a lovely selection of prizes. Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday, costing 20p each. All money raised will be donated to support Breast Cancer Research and work towards a future where everyone with breast cancer lives.

Stay Safe Letter - With the darker nights, Halloween and Bonfire Night approaching it is important that we remain safe and stay away from danger, crime and anti-social behaviour. In partnership with the local police we have developed some guidance for parents and pupils as part of our safeguarding arrangements. Please take some time to read the parent letter available by [clicking on this link](#).

Parent Workshops - This week we held the first in a series of Thursday morning Parent Workshops. These workshops will explore a variety of relevant topics and are designed to share information that will help parents to support their daughter's learning and wellbeing.

- 25-Oct How to safeguard my child online?
- 08-Nov Healthy lifestyle, exercise and wellbeing for me and my family
- 15-Nov What does positive behaviour for learning look like at home and school?
- 22-Nov Keeping Safe PC Fletcher
- 29-Nov Preparation for exams and managing the exam period



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- 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?

The workshops start at 9:00am and finish at 9:45am. 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.

We hope that parents will find them helpful.

Trip to Disneyland Paris – Parents of pupils who are registered for the Disneyland trip in March 2019 are reminded the next instalment is due today, 19th October. Thank you to those parents that have made the payment. Parents who are still complete this payment need to do so as soon as possible using our [ParentPay](#) system.

Yr7 Catch-Up Maths Interventions - Catch-Up pupils in Year 7, who attend Math interventions after-school, have been asked to involve parents in their 'Spontaneous Times-Table Challenge'. Parents, (once they have learnt their times-table target that week) the aim is to test your daughters by asking them a times-table question at completely random times during the day and throughout the week. For example; you can ask 'what is 3x6?' just before they tuck into their breakfast or about to watch their favourite programme and so on. The choice is yours. This is a great way to keep pupils engaged in their learning at home. So, please get involved and feel free to send any feedback about the challenge to Ms Sagheer (Catch-Up Mentor). Many thanks.

Competition for UNICEF - International Day of the Girl 2018 - OPPORTUNITY: Pupils are encouraged to write to a female who has inspired them in their work or by their positive actions. When a pupil receives a reply, she should bring it into school. There is a prize for the pupil who receives the most inspirational response. More information on the International Day of the Girls is available at www.unicef.org.

Important Reminders

- **Coats** – Please ensure that your daughter brings a waterproof coat to school with her. This is especially important during the colder and damper mornings of late Autumn and Winter.
- **School Uniform** – Please reinforce the school uniform standards with your daughter. Our school uniform guidelines are available on the school website and by [clicking here](#).
- There has been an increase in pupils wearing inappropriate jewellery to school.
- **Contact Information** – We would like to remind parents and careers to inform the school of any changes to emergency contact details
- **Medication** - Please ensure that your daughter's medication in school is within date.
- **Healthy Eating** - As a school we follow healthy eating guidelines and, as such, if pupils are bringing in food from home this should **not** include sweets, crisps, chocolate etc. There should be **NO NUT PRODUCTS** brought into school as we have a number of pupils with allergies. Pupils should not share their food with others, as they may not be aware of individual needs. Thank you for your support in safeguarding all our pupils.

Mock Examinations (Year 10 and Year 11) – A reminder that the mock examinations begin on Monday 12 November. Pupils should be revising and preparing conscientiously for these examinations. Year 10 pupils will only have mock examinations in English Literature, and Year 11 have a full series of mocks. **Remember a copy of the Mock Examination Timetable is available on the school website and by [clicking here](#).**

GCSE Pod- Usage continues to grow rapidly throughout the school. Last week over 1600 Pods were watched by our pupils to enhance their learning. Year 10 watched 930 Pods, while Year 11 watched 585 Pods. GCSE Pod is an excellent resource of short videos that help our pupils learning and supports the curriculum taught within school. Further information for parent is available on [this link](#).

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 30 th October, 3:00pm, 4:30pm or 6:00pm	http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/birmingham/
Aston University Sixth Form	Thursday 15 November, 5:30pm to 8:30pm	https://auea.co.uk/
BMET	Saturday 20 th October, 10:00am to 1:00pm	www.bmet.ac.uk
Bordesley Green Girls' Sixth Form	Thursday 8 th November, 5:00pm to 7:30pm	www.bordgrng.bham.sch.uk
Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College	Saturday 20 th October, 10:00am to 2:00pm	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
King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls	Tuesday 23 rd October, 6:00pm to 8:00pm	www.kingedwardvi.bham.sch.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
University College Birmingham	Saturday 24 November, 11:00am to 3:00pm	www.ucb.ac.uk
University of Birmingham School	Thursday 8 November 2018	www.uobschool.org.uk