



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

22nd March 2019

Diary

Date	Information
Monday 25 th March	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 26 th March	Years 7 to 9 'This Girl Can' walk 1 mile Spanish Play for pupils studying Spanish
Wednesday 27 th March	Years 10 to 11 'This Girl Can' walk 1 mile
Wednesday 27 th to Friday 29 th March	Mother's Day Gift Shop
Thursday 28 th March	Year 8 Mindset Workshops Year 10/Year 11 Drama Theatre Trip to see Noughts and Crosses Year 11 GCSE food and nutrition practical exam
Saturday 30 th March	Young People's Newsroom at School of Media at Birmingham City University
Tuesday 2 nd April	Netball Fixture against Greenwood Academy
Wednesday 3 rd April	Year 9 Mindset Workshops
Monday 8 th April	Year 7 Parents' Evening

Notices

Visitor Reception – Our reception for parents and visitors has now relocated. It is now positioned by the gate at the end of the pedestrian path and by the vehicle gate into the car park. Parents and visitors should follow the burgundy signs to our reception when they arrive on the school site.

To ensure the health and safety of our visitors we have remarked the car park to give a clear walkway for pedestrians and to reinforce no parking areas. Please ensure that you do not park in any of the yellow marked areas.

Road Safety – The road outside our school can be busy, especially at the time when most of our pupils are travelling to and from school. The hazards of crossing the road are further increased by parked cars, which can obstruct the view of oncoming traffic. Please discuss with your daughter the importance of crossing roads carefully, looking and listening for traffic and ensuring that they travel swiftly and directly to and from school.

Voice Value Crew – We have an exciting new opportunity for pupils to participate and make a positive contribution to whole school life. There are a variety of roles within the Voice Value Crew that interested pupils may apply for. Pupils can collect applications and find out more by speaking to their Religious Studies teachers. The closing date for applications is 28th March. More information is available on [this link](#).



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Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition – The Year 11 GCSE food and nutrition practical exam is on Thursday 28th March. Pupils will be preparing cooking and presenting three dishes from their chosen country. All food ingredients need to be prepared freshly during the exam and the avoidance of convenience foods would enhance pupil’s overall grades – it is vital pupils show their skills in preparing, cooking and presenting food.

Pupils will need to be organised with display material, food ingredients/food garnishes and food storage containers. Menu and serving containers need to reflect street food.

This Girl Can – This is a national initiative that aims to encourage more girls and women to be active. The NHS recommends that young people take part in 60 minutes of physical activity every day, this can include walking to school or walking up and down stairs alongside more vigorous activities such as running, dance or taking part in sport. On Tuesday and Wednesday next week pupils and staff are encouraged to take part walk a mile during their lunch break with their friends. House points will be awarded for all pupils taking part.

More information on This Girl Can is available on [this link](#).

GCSE Pod – Nationally effective use of GCSE Pod has been shown to boost pupil learning and achievement when it is accompanied with ‘active learning’. Active learning is where instead of passively watching a POD, pupils are involved in their learning with activities that enable them to evaluate, apply or reflect the new learning and knowledge. One technique to ensure active learning with GCSE pod is to start by writing a list of 5 facts on a topic before watching the relevant pod. After watching the pod add to the list a further 5 new facts they have learnt.

To encourage pupil engagement with GCSE pod, pupils who watch more than 10 pods in a week are awarded a positive behaviour point. Please continue to encourage your daughter to use GCSE Pod.

There are many more resources for parents to support their daughter’s use of GCSE Pod and learning on [this link](#). Further information for parents on GCSE Pod is also available on [this link](#).

Year 11 GCSE Fine Art – Parents and pupils are reminded that there is valuable extra support available as they prepare for their external exam in A2 on Thursdays after school.

Year 11 GCSE Science Revision Materials – All Year 11 pupils have access to some new revision materials in the Science area of the X-Drive. These materials can be accessed within school or at home by using the Home Access Plus link from the pupil area of the school website.

GCSE English Literature – All our Year 10 pupils plus some pupils from Year 11 will be taking the GCSE English Literature examinations this year. The exams are taking place on 15th and 23rd May. It is recommended that pupils are regularly revising and using GCSE Pod to prepare for their forthcoming examinations.

Out of Hours Learning – There are many opportunities throughout the week for additional support for pupils. Should your daughter wish to join our ‘Out of Hours Learning’ programme, she must return the appropriate consent form to the Admin Office.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch-Up Maths • Mathematics • Homework Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball • Catch-Up Maths • English • Health and Social Care • History Ambassadors • Homework Club • Mathematics • Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Badminton • Catch-Up Maths • English • History • Homework Club • Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art, Craft and Design • Catch-Up Maths • English • Fine Art • History • Homework Club • Mathematics • Netball Club and Fixtures • Science • Urdu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • French • Mathematics

Please ensure that, if you are collecting your daughter from an after-school session, you come down the drive and into Reception; this enables us to supervise pupils.

Young People's Newsroom – Birmingham City University (BCU) are running a free day-long Newsday for young people who are interested in trying out some journalism on Saturday 30th March. This is a fantastic opportunity to spend a day in radio studios, setting the news agenda and being a journalist reporting news stories. The workshop begins at 11:00am and runs until 4:00pm. Places are limited and must be booked in advance. To attend BCU will need written consent from your parents or carers. For more information or to book a place email diane.kemp@bcu.ac.uk or bob.calver@bcu.ac.uk.

Art Competition – Inspire 19 – For the fourth year Birmingham Museums are organising an art competition with the opportunity to win up to £200 of CASS Art Vouchers and many other prizes! To enter pupils, need to create a piece of art inspired by the theme of 'What does family mean to you?' Artwork could be inspired by a family pet, parents, siblings, foster family, carers or grandparents... The closing date is Friday 31st May and more information is available on [this link](#).

Year 9 Easter Residential Opportunity – The Smallpeice Trust have places available on an exciting residential opportunity to learn about automotive engineering via engineers from companies such as Aston Martin and Jaguar Land Rover. The course also provides a great taster of life on a university campus as a student. More information is available on [this link](#).

Year 10 - Unifest – Unifest is an excellent opportunity for Year 10 pupils to apply for a place at a University summer school. The summer schools are free of charge and provide an excellent way for pupils to learn more about university life and study general, with some summer schools specifically designed for pupils interested in certain careers and study options. Interested pupils should see Ms Middlehurst to discuss their application and eligibility. More information is available on [this link](#).

Leonardo da Vinci Exhibition at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery – There is a fantastic opportunity to view drawings by the famous artist Leonardo da Vinci at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery between February and May. This is a temporary exhibition that opens on 1st February celebrating the 500th anniversary since his death. A visit to this exhibition is strongly recommended by our Art Department and is suitable for pupils of all ages. For more information click on [this link](#).