



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Diary

Date	Information
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 7 Curriculum Evening
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Staff Training Day 3 (School closed to pupils)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Half Term Holiday (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Aspiration Day and Careers Convention
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Mock Examinations start

## Notices

**Important reminder** - 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.

**Year 7 Curriculum Evening** - Parents are reminded to return their reply slip by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to indicate their attendance at this evening. Further copies of the parent letter are available on our school website and by [clicking here](#).

**Mock Examinations (Year 10 and Year 11)** - The mock examinations timetable for November has been published on the school website and is available by [clicking here](#). Year 11 pupils will take mocks in all of their GCSE subjects, and Year 10 pupils will have mock examinations for English Literature in preparation for sitting their GCSE during the summer.

Pupils should have begun their revision by now and, if they have not done so already, need to create their revision timetable. All Year 11 pupils have participated in revision workshops to support them in their preparation; 99% of pupils said that they would be using the techniques learnt themselves. Please discuss the importance of thorough revision with your daughter.

**GCSE Pod** - GCSE Pod is an excellent resource for revision and consolidation of learning. Many subjects in school also use this as part of the homework being set. Usage of GCSE Pod is linked to improved pupil progress in GCSEs; please encourage your daughter to use GCSE Pod on a regular basis to support her learning.

**After-school Clubs** - A reminder to parents that if you have signed the consent form to say you will be collecting your daughter from an after-school club, you must come down the driveway and into Reception. This enables us to ensure that your daughter is supervised before collection.



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**After-school Homework Club** – Our after-school homework club is currently open Monday to Thursday 2:55pm to 3:55pm. This is an excellent opportunity for pupils in all years to have a quiet place to complete homework and use computers to support their learning. Should your daughter wish to join the After-School Homework Club a consent form must be collected and returned to the Admin Office.

**Pupil Premium Funding** - Pupil premium funding has now been extended to include all children who are adopted from care or who left care under a Special Guardianship Order or Residence Order. The only way to access the funding is for parents to make the school aware and provide supporting documentation. In addition, funding is extended to pupils whose parent(s) are currently serving or have served in the armed forces since 2011. This information is not automatically passed on by your child's previous school.

Please notify Ms Nawaz, Deputy Headteacher if you think that your child may be eligible.

**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 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](http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham/apply).

### Post 16 Preparations

It was great to see parents at the Post 16 Plans Evening, thank you for coming to meet various college providers. It was a very informative evening with lots of advice to help prepare applications and chose courses. Information on how to apply to grammar schools will be given to pupils next week.

Below is 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
BMET	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> October, 10:00am to 1:00pm	<a href="http://www.bmet.ac.uk">www.bmet.ac.uk</a>
Bordesley Green Girls' Sixth Form	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 5:00pm to 7:30pm	<a href="http://www.bordgrng.bham.sch.uk">www.bordgrng.bham.sch.uk</a>
Cadbury College	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> October, 10:00am to 2:00pm	<a href="http://www.cadcol.ac.uk">www.cadcol.ac.uk</a>
Edgbaston High School for Girls	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October, 4:30pm	<a href="http://www.edgbastonhigh.co.uk">www.edgbastonhigh.co.uk</a>
Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> October, 10:00am to 2:00pm	<a href="http://www.jcc.ac.uk">www.jcc.ac.uk</a>



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King Edwards VI Camp Hill School for Girls	Thursday 15th November, 6:00pm to 8:00pm	<a href="http://www.kechg.org.uk">www.kechg.org.uk</a>
King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls	Tuesday 23rd October, 6:00pm to 8:00pm	<a href="http://www.kingedwardvi.bham.sch.uk">www.kingedwardvi.bham.sch.uk</a>
Solihull College	Saturday 24 November, 10:00am to 2:00pm	<a href="http://www.solihull.ac.uk">www.solihull.ac.uk</a>
South and City College	Wednesday 3rd October, 4:00pm to 7:00pm	<a href="http://www.sccb.ac.uk">www.sccb.ac.uk</a>
The Sixth Form College Solihull	Saturday 13 October, 9:30am to 3:30pm	<a href="http://www.solihullsfc.ac.uk">www.solihullsfc.ac.uk</a>
University College Birmingham	Saturday 24 November, 11:00am to 3:00pm	<a href="http://www.ucb.ac.uk">www.ucb.ac.uk</a>
University of Birmingham School	Thursday 8 November 2018	<a href="http://www.uobschool.org.uk">www.uobschool.org.uk</a>



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