



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

30th November 2018

Diary

Date	Information
Monday 3 rd December	Governors Meeting Start of collections of non-perishable food for Stechford Foodbank.
Thursday 6 th December	Parent Workshop - What is emotional and mental wellbeing and how can I help?
Wednesday 12 th December	Year 8 STEAM Day
Thursday 13 th December	Parent Workshop - How can I support my daughter with Maths?
Thursday 20 th December	Parent Workshop - How is attendance celebrated in school and what can I do to help?
Friday 21 st December	Non-Uniform Day for charity

Notices

Parking near school – Parents are reminded that they **must** observe the parking restrictions when dropping off and picking up pupils. Parents are also reminded that they should not park across the entrance to the school; it is important for health and safety of those on school site that vehicle access to the school is always clear.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in ensuring the safety of all our pupils, pupils from neighbouring schools and in considering the needs of local residents.

Pupil Trip to Paris – The final instalment is now due from parents of pupils going on the trip to Paris during March 2019. The school also requires a copy of the passport for all pupils attending the trip. Please send to school a photocopy or your daughter's original passport so that we can take a copy.

Parents should also ensure that their daughter has a valid EHIC (European Health Insurance Card). These are free of charge and can be applied for on [this link](#).

Donations to Stechford Food Bank – During December last year we collected a fabulous 182.4 kg of food, sweets and toiletries for Stechford Food Bank. This is the equivalent of 354 meals to help local people in need.

This year we are continuing this tradition. From Monday 3rd December we will again be collecting non-perishable food on behalf of Stechford Food Bank. A box will be available in the Foyer to collect all donations. A typical parcel includes items such as breakfast cereals, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tea or coffee, biscuits, long-life milk or long-life juice.



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Parent Workshops – It is wonderful to welcome parents to our Thursday morning workshops. This week’s workshop focuses on emotional and mental wellbeing. 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.

- 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.

Forthcoming Examinations

Year 10 History – Year 10 will have a history exam on the last week before the Christmas holidays. Please encourage your daughter to maximise her learning in class by revising consistently at home. Your daughter has access to many resources to support her in achieving her target grade in history such as GCSE pod, class notes, homework booklets and previous exam questions. Progress is expected to occur in every pupil’s grades from her previous grade in the autumn exam and home revision is key to achieve this.

Year 11 Languages - In February, Year 11 pupils will be completing their mock speaking examinations in foreign Languages. It is important that pupils practice talking and answering questions in preparation for their mock examination.

Subject	No. of pupils	Day/date
Urdu	51	Tuesday 5 th , Wednesday 6 th or Thursday 7 February.
Spanish	25	Monday 11 th or Tuesday 12 th February.
French	38	Wednesday 13 th or Thursday 14 th February.

GCSE Pod – Pupil usage of GCSE Pod remains generally high. We are still in 4th place for schools of our size in the Midlands, with an average of 12.92 pods watched by each KS4 pupil at our school. The school currently in first place has an average of 18.95 pods watched by their pupils. To encourage continued use of GCSE Pod, this week we have ran a ‘promotion’ with all pupils, whereby any pupil who watches 10 or more pods between 25th November and 1st December will automatically receive a positive behaviour point for independent learning. In addition, the top 5 users in each year group will receive an additional positive behaviour point.

Please continue to encourage your daughter to use GCSE Pod. GCSE Pod is an excellent resource to encourage pupils in Years 10 and 11 to continually revise their learning and prepare for GCSEs, instead of leaving their preparation to the last minute.

76% of our pupils now have active GCSE Pod accounts, which is a slight increase on last week.

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

New Mary Glasgow Magazines, available in the Library – As a parent, it may be hard to keep track of everything your child needs to know and understand to be a successful reader. We proudly present a brand-new magazine from Mary Glasgow. These are an exciting range of interesting, levelled magazines and there are a number of online resources to help your child boost their language skills and grades. You may wish to explore the links below to determine which resources would be most appropriate for your child. Current magazine issues are located in the School Library 1st floor.

<https://maryglasgowplus.com/subscribe/english>

Activities for children with autistic or sensory needs - There are a variety of activities for children with autistic or sensory needs in our local area during December and at the beginning of 2019. This includes relaxed

theatre productions, autistic friendly cinema screening, café and quieter times to shop. More information 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	Friday 22 nd February, 10:00am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 4:00pm	www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/birmingham/
BMET	Wednesday 6 th February, 4:00pm to 7:00pm	www.bmet.ac.uk
Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College	Thursday 24 th January 2019, 6:00pm to 7:30pm	www.jcc.ac.uk
South and City College	Wednesday 23 rd January, 4:00pm to 7:00pm	www.sccb.ac.uk
The Sixth Form College Solihull	Thursday 28 th February, 5:00pm to 7:00pm	www.solihullsf.ac.uk
University College Birmingham	Saturday 26 th January, 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