



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

## Important Dates for your Diary

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</li><li>• Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Generation Lockdown writing competition</li><li>• Summer Term Ends – School Closed</li></ul> |
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### CHECK SCHOOL GATEWAY AND SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES

- **Have your contact details changed?**
- **Have your daughter's medical or dietary information changed?**

Please let us know if there have been any recent changes. Email us on [enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) or phone the school reception on the main number to let us know. We will contact you if we require further information on this.

### **FSM update**

Confirmation of information and updates on Free School Meals:

1. £15 vouchers will continue to be sent by Edenred for each week until the end of term for all year groups; this includes Year 11 pupils.
2. A £90.00 voucher will be sent out w/c 12<sup>th</sup> July from Edenred to cover the entire summer holidays; this includes Year 11 pupils. This voucher does NOT have to be spent all at the same time; for example, you may choose to spend £12 on one shopping trip, leaving you with £78 to use on future visits to the supermarket.
3. Contact [enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) by 3pm, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July if either of the following apply to you:
  - You have more than one daughter at Hodge Hill Girls School receiving Free School Meals and would rather have one voucher to cover all siblings rather than individual vouchers; for example, you have two daughters and would like one £30 voucher rather than two £15 vouchers.
  - You would like your summer holiday voucher to be delivered in instalments rather than as one voucher; for example, you would like three £30 vouchers rather than one £90 voucher.
4. Iceland and The Food Warehouse have now been added to the list of supermarkets where vouchers can be redeemed.
5. Please use your vouchers and check expiry dates; there is nothing we can do if your voucher has expired. **Any e-codes ordered after 1st July will have an expiry date of just one month.**
6. If your financial circumstances have changed, please use our school website to check to see if your daughter is now eligible for Free School Meals. If you have any queries or



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need help with this process, please email us at [enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) or ring the school and we will help.

**We would urge any families whose circumstances have changed to complete the online form on the school website to see if their daughter is now eligible for free school meals.**

**In need of extra home support:** For any families who are worried about having enough necessities over the summer holidays such as food, toiletries or clothes, please contact the school on [enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) or call with your daughter's name requesting a call back from their Pastoral Manager. We will arrange for you to be contacted to discuss how we may be able to help.

## **School Provision**

This is just a reminder Hodge Hill Girls School is still open to students if you require childcare during the school closure. In line with government guidance, you must meet one of the following criteria to access this provision:

- Families where **all** adults in the household are Critical workers, they are required in work during school hours and the children are **not** old enough to take care of themselves. In line with the guidance we will be asking parents to provide evidence that they are key workers providing their services at the time that childcare provision is being requested.
- EHCP students if required
- Children who would be considered vulnerable due to Social services involvement.

If you require provision please can you email the school, giving at least **48 hours' notice** to provision being required so we can ensure adequate staffing is on site.

If you require additional support to that offered above, you can phone reception or you can contact the school office via the following email [enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk).

## **Getting School Ready**

Fallen behind in your home learning? Do not worry, all the work will remain on Classcharts until 31st August. All you need to do is change the date in the little orange box on top left hand corner of the Classcharts App to the 23rd March and you will be able to see all the work that has been set since lock down started.

We will not be setting any work after **Friday 17th July** so this is a good point to look at any outstanding tasks and work out a schedule that will allow you to get up to date by the start of September.



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## ClassCharts APP

We have been made aware that some students and parents are using Classcharts via their web browser. The downside of this is that you have to log on each time you want to see the work set by your teachers. Did you know that you can download a parent or student App from the Apple App store or Google Playstore if you have an android phone? Both Apps are free and once logged on they remember you - making the process of checking for work much simpler.

If you were not already aware, once you have completed a task, you can mark it as complete. You can do this by clicking on the small square box next to the teacher's name. This will move the piece of work from your 'to do' list, to your completed list. Nothing nicer than having a completely 'clear' to do list!

If you cannot work out how to log on to your Classcharts account, please email your pastoral manager and they will help you.

## Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Update

Between 22nd May and 8th June Ofqual carried out a consultation into the potential of an Autumn examination series for any students unhappy with their results in the summer. The results were released on Tuesday 30th June. The outcomes of the consultation can be found by following the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-an-additional-gcse-as-and-a-level-exam-series-in-autumn-2020>

## **Guidance for the reopening of out of school settings**

The government's guidance for the reopening of out of school settings has been issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> July and includes guidance for parents, see link: [Guidance for parents](#)

- **Value of the month – 'Selflessness'** Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support please use the following link. [Poster link](#). Please look at the following website & see how you can make links to selflessness- and try to see how many you can read through, work on this week. Please feel free to share these with your family & friends.
- **Thought for the week: 'Authenticity'** see [PowerPoint presentation](#) and [video](#).
- **The First News Magazine:** Please see the link for this week's edition. [Click here](#). Your question this week is:
  - *By which year have scientists estimated there could be more plastic in the sea than fish?*

Miss Middlehurst will award a positive point on ClassCharts for all pupils who email her with the correct answers.



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**Additional Resources:** We will look to share with you some additional sites that may be useful each week. There are so many wonderful websites to assist learning at home. Don't forget that information on accessing online learning platforms used by the school can be found by visiting <https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/parents/supporting-your-daughter-learning> on our school website.

**Home Learning Survey:** Your daughter has been asked to complete a weekly home learning survey by Friday 11am, up until the summer break. Your support in ensuring that this is completed each week would be greatly appreciated. The survey will be used to monitor and support her progress and well-being so that we can address any issues appropriately.

**Polite Notice:** Year 7 pupils should look out for an email sent out this week by Miss Sagheer. It is important that if your daughter receives an email that she responds as soon as she is able to. It will detail updates about the work and activities that your daughter should be completing to help her learning develop further. Thank you to those that have already replied.

**Join in the fun with MFL end of term activities: connect to the virtual travel agency and see trips to French Polynesia, Pakistan and Barcelona!!** Pupils must complete the activities of the language they are studying first and then; they can travel to other countries! This is for both KS3 and KS4 students once you have completed the activities you will receive a learning heroes certificate. Look out for the email from Miss Carriere.

**Prince's Trust Programme: Could you make a good Data Engineer.** You must be aged between 18–29 and live in the West Midlands. It is a free 12-week bootcamp where young people will be provided with the perfect launchpad into a career in Data Engineering. It is an opportunity to learn the key technical and employment skills needed and on completion of the programme, young people will be matched with hiring employers. For further details click on the following [flyer](#).

Here is next week's full [VTALK Schedule](#).

## **WEEK STARTING MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> July 10am <a href="#">Add to calendar</a>	Katy Sumption, Author & Creative Director	Interested in advertising and how to start your career? Tune in to listen to co-founder of a creative agency and author, Katy Sumption speak about her career journey and what lead her to write a book for young people about anxiety.
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> July 10am <a href="#">Add to calendar</a>	Cassie Chadderton CEO, World Book Day	Most of us have heard of World Book Day! Join SFS and World Book Day's CEO, Cassie Chadderton to discuss her varied career in the creative industries, the importance of the arts in society and more about World Book Day.



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<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>2pm</b> <a href="#">Add to calendar</a>	Matt Brittin, President, EMEA Business & Operations, Google	Matt will be joining SFS to discuss his life lessons and advice, preparing for the world of work and the ever changing tech industry - what could this look like in 2030 and how can students prepare themselves for a career in tech?
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>10am</b> <a href="#">Add to calendar</a>	Adam Forbes, Head of Marketing, BP Launchpad	Join this Vtalk to learn more about business start-ups and delivering cleaner energy to the world - a must attend for those interested in entrepreneurship, business or the environment.
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>2pm</b> <a href="#">Add to calendar</a>	Kanbar Hossein Bor, Deputy High Commissioner for Bangladesh	Join us as Kanbar Hossein Bor, formerly Deputy High Commissioner for Bangladesh is interviewed SFS. He will reflect on his personal journey from child refugee to British diplomat as he is asked questions by young people including on the meaning of British identity, British values and the challenges and opportunities of being a diplomat in the current climate.
<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>2pm</b> <a href="#">Add to calendar</a>	In Collaboration with Penguin Talks: Simon Armstrong, Publicity Manager and Hannah Chukwu, Editorial, Penguin Random House	How to Get into Publishing Penguin employees, Simon Armstrong, and Hannah Chukwu, share how the industry works, how books are made and how to get into publishing.
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>10am</b> <a href="#">Add to calendar</a>	Ben Saunders, Polar Explorer	Join us as polar explorer, Ben Saunders, talks to young people across the UK about his career and adventures. Ben will discuss with students the importance of goal setting, self-belief, resilience, teamwork, communication, and leadership. This exciting Vtalk is not to be missed!

## HOW TO JOIN THE VTALKS

- Join 10 minutes before the VTALK to be ready
- You can join without needing an account – [Watch how here](#)
- For full speaker descriptions visit the [VTALK Schedule here](#)

## VTALK LIBRARY & MORE

- Watch pre-recorded VTalks from our library [here](#)

## Get creative:

**Mascot Makers wanted:** Win family tickets to the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony. The organisers of Birmingham 2022 are looking for a mascot; pupils between the ages of 5 and 15 are invited to submit an entry. This is a fantastic opportunity to design a mascot which will be seen all over the world. Please click on the link for further details.

- <https://www.birmingham2022.com/mascot>



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**The Smallpeice Trust:** This week's challenge from the Smallpeice Trust is to make a tennis racket at home. Please [click here](#) to watch the instructional video and [click here](#) to see written instructions which explain how to make your tennis racket.

**Are you a budding artist and would like to show off your skills?** Why not enter the Linnean Society new portrait competition. Linneaus is looking for a wonderful new portrait of his pet raccoon Sjupp – pronounced 'Shoop'. There is no closure date for further details click on the link.

- <https://www.linnean.org/learning/linnaeus-new-portrait-competition>

**Hodge Hill Girls' School are calling all Linguistics:** Translate into English any poem from any language – ranging from Arabic to Uzbek, from Danish to Somali—and win cash prizes! Enter the Stephen Spender Prize for poetry in translation, with categories for young people (14-and-under, 16-and-under, and 18-and-under) as well as an open category for adults. Closing date: **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020**. Click on the link today for further details.

- [http://www.stephen-spender.org/spender\\_prize.html](http://www.stephen-spender.org/spender_prize.html)

**Are you a keen photography:** The Royal Society of Biology annual photography competition invites amateurs to submit photographs on a particular theme – 'Our changing world'. Closing date **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020**. Click on the link for further details.

- <https://www.rsb.org.uk/get-involved/rsb-competitions/photography-competition>

## Safeguarding and Wellbeing

We are aware that this may be a worrying time for adults and children. We have therefore extended the resources on our website around Safeguarding and Wellbeing.



BIRMINGHAM  
CHILDREN'S TRUST

Birmingham's **#you'vebeenmissed** campaign is to support children and young people, parents and carers and professionals throughout the Covid pandemic. As part of the campaign, Lydia Stafford, a Mental Health Nurse working in the Forward-Thinking Birmingham's early help team is leading **3** webinars to support parents. Click on ['You've been missed'](#) for further details.

## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As you will be aware through news coverage the Government is frequently updating their response to the global issue of Coronavirus. Keep up to date and follow the latest guidance during this period at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

- Keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- Wash your hands regularly with running water, soap and sanitiser.



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- Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.
- Follow the guidance on safer travelling on public transport.

## **Staying Safe Online:**

Parents and carers may wish to visit <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/presentations-for-parents/> for videos and further ideas on how to keep children safe online.

Further guidance on staying safe online can be found on our website at this link <https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/parents/online-safety>

**Stay Alert and Stay Safe**