



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

10<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Important dates for your diary

Date	Information
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	<b>Half term holidays</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Week B</b> School open to all students from 8.25am – 2.45pm – normal school day Year 11 Mock exams all week

**Nut products:** Please do not bring any nut products into school eg: Nutella, peanut butter, sweets, biscuits etc. This is to support our pupils and staff with nut allergies. Some people only need to be near someone eating nuts to start a reaction. Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

### Year 11 Revision Sessions for February Half Term:

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February French and Spanish Revision Session 9.00am – 12.00pm and 1.00pm – 3.00pm.
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February History Revision Session 9.30am – 11.30am.

**All sessions must be booked online by School Gateway.**

### How should I use my knowledge organiser for homework? [Link](#)

The language department are using knowledge organisers to help students to learn key verbs and vocabulary. They have started to prepare the pupils with their weekly spelling test. Parents are encouraged to support their daughter to complete the 'extra hot task'.

**Value of the month – 'Sincerity'** Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support use this [Link](#) and [VVR](#)

**Thought for the week: Discernment** please see [video link](#) and [PowerPoint](#) presentation.

**Job of the week for Citizenship: Counsellor** see [link](#) for details.

**Career of the week for Citizenship:** This week's career of the week is a **Family Support Worker**. Please click on the link to find out all about how you could help other families. [Link](#)

If you work within this sector or are interested in coming into school to speak to the students about careers in the public sector please contact Mrs Barron [s.barron@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:s.barron@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) to arrange to come into school and speak about your career in such an interesting field.



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## University of Birmingham Popular Maths Lecture Invitation

The Fourth Popular Maths Lecture will be taking place on Wednesday 26th February. These lectures are open to the public, particularly those studying A-Level Maths or advanced GCSE students. They are a wonderful way to experience more of the mathematical community here in Birmingham and many students have said it gave them great content for their personal statements.

Please see information on this month's talk: Becoming an Astronaut [Link](#)

**Enhance your learning with GCSE Pod** – Total number of GCSE Pod accessed by pupils last week; 475 pods showing English Literature, History and Biology were the most watched subjects. We have moved to third place – out of 96 - in the GCSE Pod league for schools of our size in our region, with an average of 36.23 pods having been watched per KS4 pupil since 1st November 2019.

Year	GCSE Pod Active Users	Use of GCSE POD
Year 7	79%	37 pods have been watched with Chemistry, History and RS the most accessed subjects.
Year 8	91%	12 pods, English Literature, History, French and Maths.
Year 9	96%	76 pods, English Literature, Combined Sciences and Biology.
Year 10	97%	106 pods, English Literature, History and Business.
Year 11	97%	244 pods, History, Physics and PE.

Please encourage your daughter to continue to use GCSE Pod. It is a great resource to help to consolidate learning from this term or prepare for future learning.

## Visit art gallery/museum:

Year 11 GCSE Art, Craft & Design students are advised to visit local art galleries during half term to support their preparation for the externally set task (examination) which is worth 40% of their GCSE grade.

- **Birmingham Art Gallery:** [Click link to follow](#)
- **Ikon:** [Click link to follow](#)
- **RBSA Gallery:** [Click link to follow](#)
- **New Walsall Art Gallery:** [Click link to follow](#)

Great opportunity for children over the age of 8 to make their own jewellery workshop at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. Workshops taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 27<sup>th</sup> August and 29<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets £10. [Link](#)

**NCS (National Citizen Service)** is a youth programme designed especially for 16- and 17-year olds. For further details on NCS please click onto the [Link](#)



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## How to volunteer at the Commonwealth Games:

The games will need more than 10,000 volunteers. Register your interest to hear about the volunteering programme. [see link for details](#)

**Women in Science Residential:** An opportunity for a Year 11 student to participate in a free, three day 'Women in Science Residential' programme run by Pembroke College, Cambridge. It will take place from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> until Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020. The deadline for applications is **8am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February**. For further information and how to apply [click here](#)

## Green Hearts Campaign

This week our pupils are taking part in the 'Show the Love campaign'. They have been making green hearts with their messages to protect the environment. If you would like to join us, please take a look at the video link and send you green heart into school with your daughter. We are displaying all of the green heart messages in school. [Heart link](#)

## Choir Service

Pupils with an interest in singing may be interested in this opportunity being offered by the Birmingham Music Service; please see the link and follow the guidance provided. [Link](#)

## Sport 4 Life Uk – Free half term camps

Develop skills, broaden horizons, play and enjoy! [Link](#)

## College and Sixth Form Open Evenings

This is a list of the open events for some of the colleges and sixth forms our pupils have visited or joined in previous years. Please note that it is not a complete list and should be supplemented by independent research. It is recommended that pupils apply for more than one course, to ensure they have suitable choices when examination results are known.

College	Date of next Open Event	Website address
BMET	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2020, 4:00pm to 7:00 pm	<a href="http://www.bmet.ac.uk">www.bmet.ac.uk</a>
Solihull College	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2020, 5:30pm to 8:00pm	<a href="http://www.solihull.ac.uk">www.solihull.ac.uk</a> <a href="#">School leavers event</a>



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