



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

12th June 2020

Important Dates for your Diary

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday 14th June• Sunday 21st June• Friday 26th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspire Art competition closes• Father's Day• National Parma Violets Day |
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CHECK SCHOOL GATEWAY AND SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES

Update letter on opening for Parents/Carers: [Please read the letter by clicking on this link](#)

Have your contact details changed?

Please let us know if you changed any of your contact details recently; email us on enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk to let us know. It is vital that we have up-to-date contact details in school.

Have your daughter's medical or dietary information changed?

Please let us know if there have been any recent changes to your daughter's medical or dietary information; email us on enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk to let us know. We will contact you if we require further information on this.

FSM update

You may have heard over half-term that the government has now decided that it would cover the cost of the Free School Meals' vouchers over the May half-term holiday; further to our previous communication, this means, at this point in time, that you will continue to receive a voucher for each week of the school closure. There is absolutely nothing to suggest that vouchers will be provided in any future school holidays; you will be aware that this is the case 'normally' and there is no provision for free school meals during holidays or other school closures.

We understand that eCodes which were ordered after 1st June will have a 2-month expiry date on them; this information has just come to us from Edenred. It is really important that you keep a close eye on the expiry date and use your vouchers before they expire. We are unable to help if vouchers have expired.

If you think your daughter may now be entitled to Free School Meals, please complete the online form on our website. If your daughter is eligible, we can order vouchers from the time that we receive notification of eligibility. You will need to complete the form for each sibling.



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- If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, please also make sure that you complete the Free School Meals application form on the school website. If you have not yet completed this, you may be missing out on additional support for your daughter.
- Edenred will be carrying out some scheduled maintenance work to improve our systems at the following dates/times:

Start time	8.00am	Saturday 13th June
End time	7.00pm	Sunday 14th June

This means that parents/carers will not be able to access the www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk website during this time.

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.

As you can imagine, we need to keep these numbers as low as possible to protect the children attending and the staff required on site to oversee this provision. Please can you therefore consider carefully if you require childcare provision.

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

We are very aware that this is a challenging time for all concerned. If you require additional support to that offered above, please contact the school office via the following email enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk and we will endeavour to help where we can.

- **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.



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<https://www.awarenessdays.com/venue/united-kingdom/>

- **Thought for the week: 'Zeitgeist'** 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:
What percentage of fish in the River Nile were found to contain microplastics during an investigation by Sky News?
- **The Week Junior:** [Click link](#). Your question this week is:
What is the name of the comedian teaching art?

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

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.

Birmingham Education Partnership are working to help schools provide laptops and internet access for as many disadvantaged pupils as possible; if you think you might be able to support with this initiative, please visit <https://bep.education/hometechcanyouhelp/> for further details.

Science: Practical action has an amazing home learning section with fun STEAM related activities which can be done at home with family. <https://practicalaction.org/schools/home-learning/>



The Royal Institution
Science Lives Here

Click on the link to see a series of short films making it fun, easy, and cheap to do science experiments at home with your children.
[View here.](#)

Tassomai: Reminder for all pupils to continue to log onto Tassomai.

Each week the performance of every year group is monitored. A total of **15,081** questions have been answered in comparison to last week **11,128 questions!** Below are the year groups ranked in order of the number of questions answered correctly:

1. Year 10- 5,060 – Well done!
2. Year 9- 3,186
3. Year 7- 3,125
4. Year 8- 3,027
5. Year 11- 683





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Pearson Uk Learning: Log onto YouTube for GCSE Maths online lessons. The sessions are every Tuesday and Thursday at 11.00am – 11.45am.

The graphic features the Pearson Edexcel logo, the YouTube logo, and a blue dolphin icon. The text reads: 'GCSE Maths Online lessons', 'We have launched GCSE Maths live lessons', 'The lesson have been designed to help students to engage with maths learning, help build key problem-solving and reasoning skills and bringing maths to life.', 'Join the lesson by clicking on our YouTube page: Pearson UK Learning, every Tuesday and Thursday, 11am -11:45am.', and 'All GCSE-level students welcome!'. At the bottom right is the LGfL logo.



Start is a free and comprehensive digital platform, offering schools and colleges a single starting point to help simplify and improve careers guidance in schools. Click on the logo for further details. Year 9 may find it useful in choosing their options and Year 11 in their KS5 choices.

Uni Taster Tuesdays: Online weekly university guidance in collaboration with HELOA are delivering impartial university guidance webinars online every Tuesday to support students considering university.

Parental Support available for Parents of Newly Arrived Pupils 2020: Please click on the following link to see what The Hub has to offer within Hodge Hill community. [The Hub](#)

Smallpeice Trust: Smallpeice Trust have sent us 'The Solar Challenge' to try. Please [click here](#) to watch the instructional video and [click here](#) to see written instructions which explain how to make your solar tower.



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Speakers for Schools

We have been fortunate to host two Speakers for Schools sessions in school over the last year, most recently with Baroness Bennett, the former leader of the Green Party. The Speakers for Schools' programme has moved online and there are a number of opportunities next week for pupils to listen to, learn from and be inspired by experts in their field:

WEEK STARTING MONDAY 15TH JUNE 2020

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Mon 15 th June 10am Add to calendar	Baroness Lola Young, Independent Life Peer & Consultant	Baroness Lola Young is joining SFS to share her life lessons and advice with a KS3/S1-3 audience and to discuss the importance of the arts in society.
Mon 15 th June 2pm Add to calendar	Julian Baggini, Editor-in-Chief, The Philosophers' Magazine	Join Julian Baggini, Editor-in-Chief, The Philosophers' Magazine to explore the philosophy of personal identity – what makes us who we are. This VTalk would suit KS5/ S5-6 students and students who are interested in Philosophy.
Tues 16 th June 10am Add to calendar	Dan Snow, Historian and Broadcaster	Why History matters? Join us as historian, author and broadcaster Dan Snow discusses the importance of studying history and the lessons you can learn.
Wed 17 th June 2pm Add to calendar	Dean Beswick, Film and animation company founder, Gorilla Gorilla!	Film and animation company founder Dean Beswick is joining us for this virtual talk to discuss his career as a producer and commercial filmmaker, sharing his top 3 life lessons to help you prepare for your future.
Thurs 18 th June 2pm Add to calendar	In collaboration with Penguin Talks: Mohsin Zaidi, Criminal Barrister and Lawyer & Jessica Kellgren-Fozard, YouTuber and disability & LGBTQ activist	Criminal barrister and author of <i>A Dutiful Boy: A Memoir of a Gay Muslim's Journey to Acceptance</i> , Mohsin Zaidi, joins Youtuber and disability & LGBTQ activist, Jessica Kellgren-Fozard, to discuss their intersectionality and how we can embrace our identity.
Fri 19 th June 10am Add to calendar	Charlotte Stacey, Head of UK Apprenticeships Programme, BP	Interested in learning about apprenticeships? Join us as Charlotte Stacey, Head of UK Apprenticeships Programme with BP discusses the practicalities of apprenticeships, how they're structured, the benefits of completing an apprenticeship and the opportunities that exist at BP.

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](#)



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Pupils and families may also wish to look at some of the previously recorded sessions:

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

Get creative:

Parma Violets Day: Friday 26th June is now officially National Parma Violets Day, a chance to rejoice in all things to do with the sweet. We would love to see how you get involved! Wear something purple, bake a purple cake and forward your pictures under the heading PACT to the enquiry address. <https://swizzels.com/sweets/parma-violets/>

Art: Promoting mindfulness, creativity and wellbeing with this free art journal download. <https://www.doodle.ac/products/stay-at-home-art-journal-download>

MISSING



[MISSING! HAVE YOU SEEN BIG CAT? | Pavilion Books](#)

HELP! A very Big Cat has gone missing from his family. He was last seen wandering into a granny's garden. Can you help us find him? Complete the activity pack below to help reunite him with his family!

Click on the link to The Big Draw page where Emma Lazell, a UK based illustrator and author of children's books discusses her work and learning to become an illustrator.

<https://thebigdraw.org/drawing-for-picture-books-with-emma-lazell>

Creative Dimensions: Applications are now open for a full and varied programme of Autumn workshops. Free 5-day workshops are offered either online or at venues with social distancing for 14-19-year-old. <https://www.thecreativedimension.org/workshops/>

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.

Kooth.com: is an online counselling and support service available to all young people aged 11-25 across Birmingham. It is a safe, confidential and anonymous way for young people to access emotional wellbeing and early intervention mental health support. Kooth is widely used across the country and is well rated by young people.

Wellbeing Bingo Week 6: [Click on link.](#)



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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
- Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.

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