



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## Important dates for your diary

Date	Information
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Week A</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• St Patrick's Day</li></ul>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mother's Day Gift Shop opens for three days</li></ul>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mother's Day</b></li></ul>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Week B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 8 Parents Evening</li></ul>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Week A</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full Governing Board meeting</li></ul>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Easter Holidays</b></li></ul>

**Department for Education Coronavirus helpline: Phone: 0800 046 8687**

Link and [Poster](#).

As you will be aware through news coverage the Government is frequently updating their response to the global issue of Coronavirus. We are following all the advice offered to schools from Public Health England (PHE) and monitor daily updates to schools.

Personal responsibility for hygiene is a priority, please can you enforce this at home. We continue to remind students of the importance of regular hand washing. We will be re-enforcing this in assemblies this week.

It would be helpful if all parents/carers could download the Gateway app onto mobile devices to ensure that you receive prompt communication. It is essential that the school has your up to date contact details. Please update the school if this is not the case.

**Free School Meals** - If your daughter is entitled to Free School Meals, please encourage her to use this in school. By using this entitlement, families can save over £400 per year per child. If you have any questions, please contact your daughter's Pastoral Manager.

**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'.



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Value of the month** – 'Strength' Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support use this the following links [Poster](#), [Competition](#) and [Calendar](#)

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

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

**Career of the week for Citizenship:** This week's career of the week is a **Prison officer**. Please use the link below to see what this entails, what qualifications you would need and the career path you could go on [Link](#).

[If you are interested in coming into school to speak about your career in the civil service industry please contact Mrs Barron s.barron@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](#)

**STEAM Week** – it has been a busy few day in school with all sorts of learning opportunities linked to Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics. Please take time to talk to your daughter about her learning over these days. Pupils and families might like to watch <https://www.historywm.com/films/industry-and-genius-john-baskerville-the-beauty-of-letters> as an opportunity to show how many of these areas are linked; this film explores the life of John Baskerville, a Birmingham based printer, stone cutter, letter founder, writing master and entrepreneur and considers his contribution to printing, the arts, technological change and the Enlightenment.

**Enhance your learning with GCSE Pod** – Total number of GCSE Pod accessed by pupils last week; 384 pods showing English Literature, History and Biology were the most watched subjects. We have moved to the Regional League which puts us in 20<sup>th</sup> position – out of 95 - with an average of 1.29 pods having been watched per KS4 pupil since 1st March 2020; the current round of this competition will end on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

Year	GCSE Pod Active Users	Use of GCSE POD
Year 7	78%	45 pods have been watched with Text for Drama, English Literature and RS the most accessed subjects.
Year 8	91%	38 pods, English Literature and History.
Year 9	96%	6 pods, English Literature.
Year 10	97%	190 pods, English Literature, History and Biology.
Year 11	97%	105 pods, History, Physics and RS.

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.



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Year 11 Preparing for Success** – Pupils should take time to reflect on how they feel they have done in their mock exams, and to make sure they are clear on their next steps as they move closer to their GCSEs. Mock exam results will be given to pupils on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

## **After School Clubs:**

**Maths 'mytutor' Revision Sessions** – Year 11 pupils who are participating in these sessions on a Monday after-school are reminded of the importance of regular attendance; it is expected that all pupils who have received information about these sessions should attend.

**Year 11 Art, Craft and Design** – Can you please encourage your daughter to work on their external set task, which is worth 40% of their final GCSE grade, to attend after school support in the Art, Craft and Design department on Tuesdays. There is only **4** school weeks remaining until their examination. Thank you for your continued support.

**Textile Club** – After school club for Year 7 and 8 on Thursday at 2.50pm till 4.15pm. Now until Easter.

**Maths Whizz** – All Year 7 students need to complete 45 minutes on Maths Whizz per week as part of their homework. Can you please continue to support your daughter.

**Make your own Jewellery Workshop** – If you have a child over the age of 8, they can make their own jewellery at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. The workshops are 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 are available at a cost of £10. For further details please see [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](#)

## **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](#)