



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

17th July 2020

Important Dates for your Diary

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 17th July• Thursday 3rd September• Friday 4th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer Term Ends – School Closed• School Re-Opens for Year 7 Pupils Only• School Re-Opens for all Year Groups |
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Reminder from West Midlands Police to have a Happy, Safe Summer. Please read the following letter [Click here.](#)

Birmingham City Council letter for parents [Please read.](#)

The school re-opening for September letter has been sent to all parents/carers this week via School Gateway. Expect further updates in August.

Apply online for your child's secondary school place – September 2021 [Read link](#)

CONTINUE TO 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 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

1. All pupils who receive FSM should have received a £90 voucher to cover the summer holiday period. Please check the expiry date on this carefully in order to ensure that these are used when valid; the expiry date has been set – not by us – for 1 month so will run out during the summer holidays. Please remember that you do not need to use the whole voucher in one shop.
2. If your financial circumstances have changed, please use the form on the school website to see if you are now FSM-eligible. Please note that FSM-eligibility should you become eligible during the summer holidays would not begin until the start of the Autumn term.
3. FSM will revert to 'normal' in September with pupils who are FSM-eligible being able to receive their meal entitlement through the school catering system at lunchtimes; there will be no more vouchers.



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Getting School Ready

Learning packs have been posted home to all pupils; these include resources to support learning undertaken since schools were closed to the majority of pupils and some linked tasks for pupils to complete and bring back to school in September, along with well-being information.

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.

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.hodgehqs.bham.sch.uk/parents/supporting-your-daughter-learning> on our school website.

French Collage Winners

KS3 students were involved in a language challenge during May half-term. Students had to do some research and create a collage about a French speaking country. They also had to create the flag of their French speaking country with food or bake something from that particular country. Well done to our three winners who put a lot of effort into their work! [Click here to see their work](#)

See what our pupils have produced in Art and Design

To view some of our pupils creative work click on the following link: [Creative Art](#)



Flash Academy Summary Report

The Flash Academy application has given the teachers the power to remotely set assignments for whole classes or individuals at the push of a button. The EAL Department have been able to assess attainment of pupils from a school, class and an individual level. The application supports pupils at all ability levels to build an ambitious repertoire of vocabulary. It has been noted that the application has been remarkably popular with Newly Arrived Pupils who have continued to complete language-based activities on a regular basis during the school lockdown.



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Our pupils have continued to make very frequent use of the Flash Academy platform and have almost learnt over **4,493 words** and **1,335 lessons** were completed across the whole school. The most popular subjects overall were Geography, Science and English.

Below is a list of our top ten pupils who have achieved the greatest experience points:

	Words XP
Aisha A	310100
Shaimaa N	134100
Mursal K	59200
Fozya N	56750
Ana C	32500
Hala A	28500
Safaa I	27350
Zunaira H	23100
Duaa M	21750
Rimsha Z	2000

The top three users in each group from March - July 2020 have received a positive merit and a certificate.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Gold	Safa I (27,350)	Zara R (20,000)	Iqra K (5100)	Nilofar M (3,100)
Silver	Dua M (21,750)	Nimra M (14,000)	Jamila H (5,000)	Alisha A (2,000)
Bronze	Amina R (18,000)	Dania A (13,000)	Aiman N (1,000)	

- **Value of the month – 'Achievement'** 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: 'Fulfilment'** see [PowerPoint presentation](#) and [video](#).

Discover Materials Virtual Open Day - 4th August 2020

This event is aimed at 16 –18 year olds to excite them about Materials Science. There will be a week of activities leading up to the open day on 4th August which will feature a live session by Marty Jopson (best known from The One Show) a live Q&A with a panel composed of recent graduates, academics and employers. This event is organised by the Discover Materials groups which incorporates Materials departments from University of Birmingham, University of Cambridge, Imperial College, Loughborough University, University of Manchester, University of



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Oxford, Queen Marys University London, Swansea University, University of Sheffield, University of Leeds and also Henry Royce Institute. View [flyer](#) for further details.

Colleges and University Events:

Please use the summer holidays to check out this amazing website, in which you complete career and enterprise tasks to earn badges, this will help you stand out when applying to colleges, universities and in job applications, as you will have many of the employability skills needed. <https://idea.org.uk/>

If you feel that going to college is not really for you, have a look at researching some apprenticeship ideas, see link [apprenticeships](#)

Virtual open days for Colleges and Universities, you can use this time to research each provider and the course you wish to complete, so you have a good understanding of the career path you wish to take. [University open days](#)

Virtual taster sessions from Aston university

- <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/sro/post-16>

Get creative:

The One Show: as you write – your play on stage: The One Show, along with The Shakespeare North Playhouse is launching an exciting new playwriting competition, giving children and young people across the UK the opportunity to see their ideas come to life on stage. We hope this will help inspire the next generation of playwrights as well as encouraging a love of theatre and the arts in children and young people. Competition closes just before midnight on **Monday 31st August 2020**. [Click for details](#).

Welcome to U.Dance Digital 2020, the UK's national youth dance festival - online!

Learn from the best in the industry across the U.Dance Digital weekend. Whether you are interested in dance on or off stage, no matter what your dance style or ability, there is something for everyone! Find out more about each session by clicking for further information.

- <https://udancedigital.org/>

Mascot Makers wanted for Birmingham 2022 Games

The Birmingham 2022 mascot competition is open to children aged 5-15. The design could be a painting, drawing or collage. The mascot could be a character, animal, or person. It is up to you; all you need is your imagination!

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



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Travel Survey – Win a Bike!

Sustrans, the walking and cycling charity, have developed a survey looking at how children and their parents/guardians travel to and from school. The survey is 10 questions long and takes less than 4 minutes to fill out. **Closing date 19th July**. Everyone that completes the survey will be entered into a prize draw to win a bike and accessories worth up to £400! -

<https://sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/birmingham-schools-parent-survey>

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.

Your emotional and physical well-being is very important to us. Take the time to look at these links as a family and we hope you are able to make use of any suggestions made.

Additional ideas and guidance can be obtained from:

- <https://www.mindkit.org.uk/5-ways-to-wellbeing/>
- <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-children-and-young-people/coronavirus/supporting-your-teens-wellbeing-during-coronavirus/>

In need of extra home support: During the pandemic of COVID-19, as a school we decided to rally round together to help support our families in these hard times. Food and toiletries were donated by our generous staff and then divided to create 15 hampers. The hampers have helped support some of our families during this difficult period of lockdown. For any families who are worried about having enough necessities over the summer holidays please email the school on enquiry@hodgehqs.bham.sch.uk

Anna Freud Selfcare Summer Plan: Self-care is all about what you can do to help yourself feel better or to keep yourself feeling good. It is a way that we can look after our own mental health and wellbeing. Click on '[Plan for Selfcare](#)'

Kooth.com: There is no doubt that COVID19 has impacted people of all ages in some shape or form which is why Kooth has created some fun and achievable activities to support young people's emotional health and wellbeing during the summer holidays. [Activities brochure](#)
<https://www.kooth.com/>



Take some time out and breathe. Click onto link <https://www.calm.com/>



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Young Minds: A charity that supports children and young people's mental health. Click on the link for further support. [Open here](#)

Birmingham Educational Psychology Service - is providing a telephone helpline for any parent or carers of children, who feel they would benefit from a consultation with a psychologist to support them with any concerns arising at this time, for them or their families. Click flyer for further details – [flyer](#).



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. Click on ['You've been missed'](#)

for further details.

Well-being Activities: Create a worry jar, have a go at pebble art or just make an A – Z of things that make you happy. Take a look at our Well-being activity card for more ideas during the summer break. [Well-being card](#)

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.
- 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.hodgehqs.bham.sch.uk/parents/online-safety>

And finally end of term farewells....

The end of a school term is always a time for goodbyes. Mrs B Morrison, Miss N Ayub, Miss A Sagheer, Miss McCormack, Miss Cairns and Mr Williams will all be leaving us for new challenges. We thank them for their hard work and wish them luck for the future.

Have a great summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.