



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

19th June 2020

Important Dates for your Diary

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday 21st June• Friday 26th June• Friday 18th July | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Father's Day• National Parma Violets Day• Art Poster of Positivity deadline |
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CHECK SCHOOL GATEWAY AND SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES

Welcome back Year 10: We are looking forward to seeing some of our Year 10 pupils for their face to face meetings next week. We have been very busy preparing the school site, so it will look rather different.

Ofqual Information Letter: A message for all GCSE, AS and A level students this summer. [Please click here for 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

1. Fantastic news from earlier this week – Free School Meals' vouchers will now be provided over the summer holiday. We will update you when we hear more about this will work.
2. Please use the FSM application form [Link2ICT](#) on the school website if your financial circumstances have changed. If you need help with completing the form, please email enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk. Your daughter might now be entitled to Free School Meals.
3. Check the expiry dates on your vouchers; we cannot help you if the voucher has expired. Most vouchers have now been changed to a 2-month expiry date.



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4. Make sure you use your vouchers; we can see on our system that there are still some unredeemed vouchers. If you have not redeemed them yet, please redeem them before they expire.
5. A new set of instructions on how to redeem vouchers has been published; [DfE FSM voucher parent/carer guide](#)
6. If you have more than one daughter at Hodge Hill Girls School who receives FSM vouchers and would prefer to receive one code each week to cover all siblings, please let us know. For example, if you have two daughters at school and you are currently two £15 vouchers each week but would prefer to receive one £30 voucher, please email us at enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk by 3.30pm on Wednesday 24th June so we can change our orders. Any change would take place from the week beginning 6th July.

School Provision

Dear Parent/Carer

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 provision is required during **July**, please can you complete the survey below by the **3pm on Tuesday 23rd June** to indicate what days you require provision:

Survey

If you require provision during the last few weeks of **June** 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.

Please note that the opening times for students accessing Critical worker provision is 8:45-14:30. It is important that students do not arrive before this time to avoid arriving at the same time as year 10's who will be coming in for lessons. Students accessing critical worker provision will have different breaktimes and lunch times to the year 10s in order to allow them to social distance from the other students on site. As lunchtime will be slightly later than usual, it is recommended that you send your daughter in with a small snack for breaktime.



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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.
- **Thought for the week: ‘Genius’** 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 sort of animal is ‘Trigger’ who has just had a haircut?*
- **The Week Junior:** [Click link](#). Your question this week is:
 - *Who are the two French artists who invented pointillism in the 1880s?*

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.

Speaker for Schools: Here is next week’s full [VTALK Schedule](#).

WEEK STARTING MONDAY 22ND JUNE 2020

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Mon 22 nd June 10am Add to calendar	Zoe Irwin , Creative Director, John Frieda	The Independent calls her “the Stella McCartney of hairdressing” Her innovative styling menu using Liberty prints caused a beauty blogger meltdown two summers ago... And such is her industry kudos that hairdressing multi-millionaire John Frieda asked her to join his salon group as creative director. Join us as Zoe Irwin discusses all things hairdressing and creativity, sharing insights into her career, life lessons and advice with students from 11-18years.
Mon 22 nd June 2pm Add to calendar	Armando Iannucci, Oscar-nominated Writer & Director	Oscar nominated writer, director and producer Armando Iannucci will be speaking to SFS and young people across the UK about his career in comedy on film, TV and radio and answering your questions!
Tues 23 rd June 10am Add to calendar	Richard Waterworth, General Manager, UK & EU, TikTok	Rich Waterworth will be joining SFS and students across the UK to discuss his own career journey and to demystify TikTok and the work that takes place within the organisation!



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Tues 23rd June 2pm Add to calendar	Tamara Holmgren, Engineer and Project Manager, BP	Join SFS and Tamara Holmgren, Engineer and Project Manager at BP on International Women in Engineering Day for an interview that will focus on STEM careers and Tamara's career journey to date.
Wed 24th June 10am Add to calendar	Maurits van Tol, Chief Technology Officer, Johnson Matthey	Maurits van Tol will be interviewed by SFS before moving to student Q+A. Tune in to learn more about Maurits' career in STEM and life lessons and advice.
Wed 24th June 2pm Add to calendar	Bernadine Brocker Wieder, CEO, Vastari Group Ltd	Interested in how exhibitions are put on? Join Bernadine Brocker Wieder to explore how she got to where she is today and more about her role.
Thurs 25th June 2pm Add to calendar	In collaboration with Penguin Talks: Big Narstie & Ciaran Thapar	How to believe in yourself British MC, rapper, TV presenter and author of How to be Narstie, Big Narstie, joins youth worker and freelance writer, Ciaran Thapar, to discuss the importance of living your own life and believing in yourself.
Fri 26th June 10am Add to calendar	James Worrall, Founder, Leaders in Sport	Join us as James Worrall shares life lessons and top tips from leaders in sport.

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](#)

Pre-recorded VTalks from the 'Speakers for Schools' library can be watched [here](#)

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.

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](#)

English as an Additional Language: APPS helpful for New Arrivals [click on link for details](#).

Careers: Aim Higher are still providing a jam-packed timetable of virtual events and resources. [Click here](#) to see the calendar and to book. Click below for the parents' guide to careers education. This guide is helpful in helping your daughter choosing the right career path for them. [Parents' Guide](#)



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Careers in Languages: This event talk explores the various ways in which a degree in modern languages prepares you for a career in a variety of professions beyond the narrow fields of teaching and translation services. Click on the link for further details: [Eventbrite](#)

The Bright Ideas Challenge: Shell's cross-curricular schools' competition, invites young people aged 11-14 to use their creativity, problem solving and STEM skills to devise innovative solutions that could power cities of the future. With fantastic STEM prizes up for grabs, there is every reason to think big! [Click to apply](#)

Natural History Museum: Connect with Nature Live Online team every Tuesday at 12.00 BST and Friday at 10.30 BST for interactive talks featuring topical discussions with our scientists and cutting-edge research. From meteorites to mammoths, evolution to the climate crisis, Nature Live Online is a great way to explore the natural world. All events are free to watch online on the Museum's website, YouTube channel or Facebook page. Please note you do not need to enter any personal information to watch these broadcasts, although you will need to log in to Facebook or YouTube in order to leave a comment. [Click Link](#)

Girls into Stem @ Loughborough University: This event is open to UK students in Year 9, 10 and 11 and is a great opportunity to learn more about the options available to you at university across science, technology, engineering and mathematics subjects. [Click Link](#)

Get creative:

Art: Wolverhampton Art Gallery and council library services invited members of the public to submit images of lockdown-inspired creations which have been included in a special online exhibition 'Art in Lockdown'. <http://www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk/artinlockdown/>.

- Why not make a virtual visit to Wolverhampton Art Gallery. [Click Here](#).
- Why not follow this creative link and try something different by creating an optical illusion rainbow drawing inspired by Pop Artist Bridget Riley. [Link](#)

Norwich University of the Arts are offering free online workshops every Wednesday connected to the creative industries. These workshops although free need to be booked. <https://www.nua.ac.uk/study-at-nua/info-for-schools/>



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Art & Design Competition: Posters of Positivity



The Smallpeice Trust: have set a challenge this week of making a wind-powered lift. Please [click here](#) to watch the instructional video and [click here](#) to see written instructions which explain how to make your wind powered lift.

Youth Sport Trust (@YouthSportTrust) Tweeted:

👉 Over 2000 people have now signed up for National School Sport Week at Home 🏠 Join us for our week-long celebration of sport and wellbeing by registering 📄 <https://t.co/JcUPFNMOKW> #NSSWtogether @SkySports [click here](#) for twitter.

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.



Mental Health Support

You can call Mind helpline who provide interpreters for over 170 languages using Language Line services. Ask for Language Line services. 0300 123 3393 <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/helplines/#collapse57731>



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'My Hero is You' downloadable storybook about coronavirus in many languages
<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/iasc-reference-group-mental-health-and-psycho-social-support-emergency-settings/my-hero-you>

Translated Resources: Doctors of the World are pleased to be able to share with you Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice for patients in 60 languages, which were produced in partnership with the British Red Cross.

<https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>

[Kooth.com](https://www.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.

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.
- Follow the guidance on safer travelling on public transport.
- From **15 June 2020**, you must wear a face covering on public transport in England. You will be breaking the law if you fail to do so and could be fined.

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