



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

23rd October 2020

Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st – 31st October• Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
• Saturday 24th October• Saturday 31st October• Monday 2nd November•• Thursday 5th November• Thursday 5th November• Wednesday 11th November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black History Month• Half term Holiday (school closed to pupils)• United Nations Day• Halloween• School re-opens half term – normal COVID times• Bonfire Night• Virtual Coffee Morning SEND pupils Year 8 @ 11.15am -2.15pm• Remembrance Day |
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PROTECT OTHERS BY KEEPING YOUR DAUGHTER AT HOME IF DISPLAYING ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

CONTINUE TO CHECK SCHOOL GATEWAY AND SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Face Masks

Your daughter **MUST** wear a face mask to school every day, plus a spare mask if using a single use mask. These will need to be stored in a sealable plastic bag. Masks must be worn as pupils move around the school building and in communal areas. Please inform us if your daughter is exempt from the existing face covering obligations, due to an underlying health condition, if so, she will continue to be exempt from these new obligations.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other



Wash hands

keep washing your hands regularly



Cover face

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



Make space

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions





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Local Lockdown – HELPING TO KEEP BIRMINGHAM SAFE

Find out what you can and cannot do if you live, work or travel in the West Midlands. Please familiarise yourself with the local lockdown requirements for Birmingham.

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/birmingham-sandwell-and-solihull-local-restrictions>

Government guidance updates: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

School Information

Free School Meals: If pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals are self-isolating, their entitlement to FSM remains. Food parcels are available for self-isolating pupils in receipt of FSM; please contact school reception by telephone or email (enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk)

School Office:

In the interests of adhering to social distancing you should only visit the school office if it is absolutely necessary. We are trying to limit the number of visitors by asking our parents/carers to ensure that their daughter is fully equipped for the school day (lunch, school equipment, face mask etc.) Please be aware that only one person of the family will be allowed in at any time. We ask that all queries are emailed to enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk or you can call on **0121 464 3094**.





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If your child develops symptoms associated with Covid-19 whilst at **home**, please keep them at home and follow the process outlined below. If your child develops symptoms associated with Covid-19 whilst **at school**, we will isolate them immediately, providing the support and reassurance they will require. We will contact you and require that you collect them immediately from school. Please take them straight home and follow the same process outlined below.

Step One: CONTACT

the NHS and request a COVID-19 Test from them online or by calling 119. Do not visit your GP, pharmacy, hospital or other healthcare provider. Call 999 if emergency care is needed.

Step Two: ISOLATE

Your child should isolate for 10 days after symptoms appear and other people in your household should isolate for 14-days.

Step Three: TEST

Get a test. Keep your child at home until she gets her results.

Step Four: RESULTS

You should receive your results within 72 hours. If the test is negative, your daughter and household may stop isolating although they must not return to school until they are well. **Please inform us of a negative test result immediately.**

Step Five: A POSITIVE TEST RESULT

If your child tests positive for Coronavirus, contact tracers will contact you to inform you of the isolation regulations you will need to follow. **Please inform us of a positive test result immediately.**





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Notices

Uniform Reminder for ALL pupils:

- Students should be wearing either the black school microfleece **OR** the Burgundy Hoodie with their PE uniform on days when they have PE. We highly recommend that this is purchased with the colder months upon us.
- They should not be wearing non-school uniform sweatshirts at any time. Please can we also remind parents that if opting to wear black leggings/tracksuit bottoms instead of the school tracksuit bottoms (with the school logo) these should be **PLAIN** black, they should not have white lines, branded logos or any other writing on them.
- **School lunches:** please can we ask that you continue to support the school by not allowing your daughters to bring crisps, energy drinks, chocolate, or sweets in to school. Packed lunches should comprise of healthy food only.
- **Water:** Students are asked to bring enough plain water in to school to sustain them throughout the day. This should be carried in a suitable container e.g. plastic water bottle. Due to the current situation, we are unable to allow students to use the water fountains.

GCSE Pod: 368 pods have been watched in the last week. English Literature, History and English Language were the most watched subjects. Individual year group figures are as follows:

Year 7	44%	83 pods accessed; English Language, Biology and History are the most accessed subjects.
Year 8	82%	91 pods; English Literature, Maths, Food Preparation and Nutrition
Year 9	90%	23 pods; English Literature, Chemistry, Maths
Year 10	96%	60 pods; French, Chemistry, English Literature
Year 11	99%	111 pods; History, English Language, Combined Science





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Modern Foreign Language: [Quizlet](#) is a lightning fast way to learn vocabulary. The following year groups can log onto the following resources via mobile phone or tablet.

- Click on the **French** links:

Year 7G	https://quizlet.com/join/EGxayaS8a
Year 7 H	https://quizlet.com/join/pVGjBFaya
Year 8G	https://quizlet.com/join/RDRJa9hmb
Year 9H	https://quizlet.com/join/jKb9kNzm7
Year 10 A	https://quizlet.com/join/rZkEGMyQa
Year 11 A	https://quizlet.com/join/aWCwQrcsy
Year 11 B	https://quizlet.com/join/6Z7ykam9S

- Click on the **Urdu** links:

Year 7H	https://quizlet.com/join/MvjgnvNtR
Year 7G	https://quizlet.com/join/9hAr8uFKN
Year 8	https://quizlet.com/join/f3GyvXRzB
Year 9	https://quizlet.com/join/3feaGYWax
Year 10 A	https://quizlet.com/join/KcyjAksAU
Year 10 B	https://quizlet.com/join/skEXXjDx2
Year 11A	https://quizlet.com/join/jmUkQbGcs

- Click on the **Spanish** links:

Year 7	https://quizlet.com/_8ioyr7?x=1jqt&i=ewnn5
Year 8	https://quizlet.com/_8iwgok?x=1jqt&i=ewnn5
Year 9	https://quizlet.com/_8iwhcc?x=1jqt&i=ewnn5
Year 10	https://quizlet.com/_8iwi6n?x=1jqt&i=ewnn5
Year 11	https://quizlet.com/_8iwit6?x=1jqt&i=ewnn5

Black History Month: 11 pupils have volunteered and taken part in the Black History Month Pupil Committee this year. They have worked closely with Ms Bold to create and distribute resources for pupils on the issues surrounding Black History Month. The activities and resources created by the Black History Month Pupil Committee will do its part in maintaining the atmosphere of kindness and respect in our school. The activities have been delivered by staff in form time during the week commencing 19th October but are designed by pupils for pupils. We look forward to seeing the excellent work pupils produce both in and outside of school. Pupils have been sent a copy of all resources for them to use at home and share with those they live with.

- [Black History Month competition](#) click on link for details.



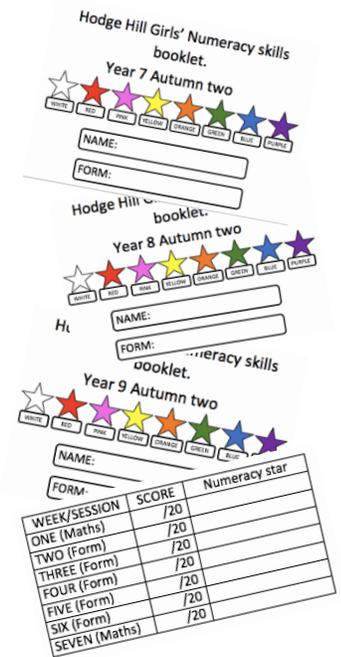
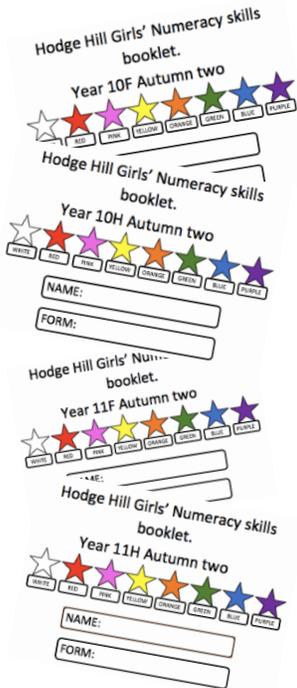


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FORM TIME NUMERACY

Students are expected to be fluent in key skills of mathematics to reason and problem solve. In order to support your daughter, we have redesigned our "form time numeracy" activity to best support the progress of all our students. Your daughter will get a new 'skills booklet' every half term. These skills booklets will stay in school until the end of the term. We are introducing rewards for those who make good progress or obtain 100%. I ask you to encourage your daughter to use Hegarty maths and the support of her maths teacher to make progress on the key skills covered in these booklets.



WEEK/SESSION	SCORE	Numeracy star
ONE (Maths)	/20	
TWO (Form)	/20	
THREE (Form)	/20	
FOUR (Form)	/20	
FIVE (Form)	/20	
SIX (Form)	/20	
SEVEN (Maths)	/20	

- **Value of the month – 'Kindness'** Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support please use the following link. [Poster](#)
- **Thought for the week: 'Economics'** see [PowerPoint](#) presentation and [video](#).
- **Job of the Week: Homelessness Prevention Officer.** Click on the link for more information [Careers](#)

Health and Social Care Competition:

Design a poster of your "dream job". The poster must include information about what the job is, what they have to do and why they would want to do that job.

DEADLINE: Friday 6th November 2020

Entries to be emailed or handed in to a.roche@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk

Sports Competition:

Design a poster of your favourite sportsperson who inspires you. The poster must include a picture of the sportsperson, main achievements and why that person inspires you.

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Additional Resources:

Take a look at what's on at Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

https://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag?dm_i=4H0Y,XV92,1SLZ21,47NXC,1

Why not get creative and try some of the activities on the Tate Kids website.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids> play free art games and fun quizzes, find art activities, read about artists and share your art. The best art website for kids.

Download and print out a poppy to colour in for Remembrance Day on 11th November. Take a photograph of your coloured in poppy and send to Ms Corser so she can display them on the Art Site.

[Download it here](#)



Apprenticeships and trainee positions at top companies have put together the latest school/college leaver jobs and apprenticeships at leading employers across the UK.

Security Service MI5: Software Engineer Apprenticeships: [Click here to join](#)

PWC: Audit, Consulting, Deals, Tax and Technology opportunities: [Click here to join](#)

IBM: Future 12 Month Placement Scheme: [Click here to join](#)

Keeping your daughter safe online:

All parents/carers need to be aware of what their daughter/s are accessing when online. Young people often access sites that are not appropriate for their age. Click on the school website for further guidance on staying safe online.

- <https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/parents/online-safety>

Free Microsoft Office for Staff and Pupils

Office 365 Education is available for free to pupils and staff at Hodge Hill Girls' School. Install Microsoft Office at home on up to 5 PCs or Macs, and on other mobile devices including Windows tablets, Android tablets and iPad. [Click here to find out more](#) or visit our website and type Free MS Office in the search box.





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[childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk)

The UK's free helpline for children and young people – it's a confidential service and provides telephone counselling for any child with a problem.

Helpline: 0800 1111

Textphone: 0800 400 222

Mon-Fri 9:30am-9:30pm | Sat and Sun: 11am-8pm

[themix.org.uk](https://www.themix.org.uk)

Offers free support and advice for under 25s through a confidential helpline, online chat and discussion boards.

Helpline: 0808 808 4994

7 days a week 2pm – 11pm

[youthaccess.org.uk](https://www.youthaccess.org.uk)

Information and advice on counselling services for people aged 12–25. Visit the website and click 'Find a service'.

Stay Alert, Stay Safe.

