



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

Value of the Month: **Gratitude**

3rd December 2021

Dates for your Diary 2021

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 6th DecemberMonday 13th DecemberMonday 20th DecemberThursday 6th January 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Full Governing Board meetingYear 11 Parents EveningSchool Closed – Christmas HolidaysYear 11 Coffee Morning |
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It is important that you are checking your School Gateway/emails and the school website for updates from the school.



Important Information

Twice weekly Covid testing at home for pupils

It is vital for pupils to keep testing at home, twice a week on Sunday and Wednesday. Your daughter can collect a LFT kit from school.

Lateral Flow Testing (LFT): Please use the following link to report your [home results](#).

NHS If you have no symptoms:

- [get regular rapid lateral flow tests](#)
- [report rapid lateral flow test results](#)

If you have coronavirus symptoms:

- [get a PCR test](#) and stay at home

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This week **Year 7 and Year 8** had the best attendance. Well done!

Free School Meals vouchers

We have received information this week that there will be Free School Meals' supermarket vouchers to the value of £30 for all pupils who are eligible for FSM for the Christmas holiday period; these vouchers will be following the Sodexo scheme as previously used by Birmingham





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City Council. We will provide further updates as soon as we have them via our usual channels of communication.

At the time of writing we have 60 parents/carers who have still not redeemed Free School Meals' supermarket vouchers for October half-term. We will be sending further reminders out to relevant contacts; please make sure you redeem the vouchers as they are your entitlement. Vouchers from October half-term will expire on 31st January 2022.

We would continue to urge families whose circumstances have changed to follow the link on the school website to see if your child is now eligible for FSM.

Families may also wish to visit <https://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/>

- Click on the link to check if you qualify for free school meals.
<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

Curriculum Enhancement – After School Sessions

If your child is remaining after-school for a curriculum enhancement activity, please make sure that you have booked her place via School Gateway. All information regarding how to sign up has been provided previously and School Gateway must be used for this process. Please do contact our School Reception if you have questions; pupils are not able to stay in school for Curriculum Enhancement activities without consent from home.

- [Click to view the letter sent with information](#)

GCSE Pod

On 28th November, we were still in 1st place out of 109 schools of our size in our region for GCSEPod usage; pupils watched a huge 5463 pods last week with History, English Literature and Maths the most watched subjects. Please remember to check ClassCharts to see if your child has received a positive point for GCSEPod usage. Every pupil who watches 5 or more pods each week receives a positive point, along with the 5 highest users in each year group and the ten highest users across the whole school.

Individual year group figures are as follows:

Year 7	70%	1613	English Literature, English Language and Chemistry are the most watched subjects.
Year 8	94%	878	Maths, Biology, English Literature
Year 9	95%	1921	History, English Literature and Chemistry
Year 10	97%	601	RS, Geography, History
Year 11	99%	450	Maths, RS, Combined Science





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Hegarty Maths

A big thank you to all our parents/carers for your support with Hegarty Maths homework. Usage has gone up by over 100 hours for the last two weeks. There has also been an increase in after school Hegarty sessions.

All students will be given 2 or 3 tasks each week. These will be set on Monday and due in the following Monday.

Please support your daughter by asking about their work and checking their scores.

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

Labour Marketing Information (LMI)

Actors, Entertainers and Presenters

Weekly Pay 0	Annual Pay 0
Hours/Week 43h	Hourly Pay 0

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth 1.9%	Replacement 58.5%
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The workforce is projected to grow by 1.9% over the period to 2027, creating **1,000** jobs. In the same period, 58.5% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating **32,400** job openings.

You might find this job in

- Other personal service
- Sport & recreation
- Arts & entertainment
- Membership organisations
- Libraries

SEND

Young Minds have created a Wellbeing Advent Calendar, so you can countdown to the festive holidays by taking 5-10 minutes a day to complete an activity of your own choice that will boost your wellbeing.

- [wellbeing-advent-calendar-2021.pdf \(youngminds.org.uk\)](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/resources/young-minds-wellbeing-advent-calendar-2021.pdf)





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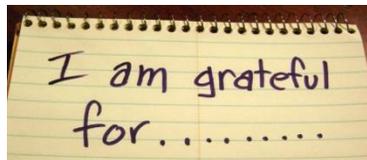
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WEEK 8: OF THE MINDFULNESS CHALLENGE - "EXERCISE – MINDFUL GRATITUDE"

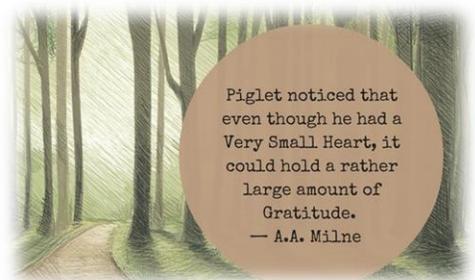


This week is the beginning of December and the Value for the month is "**Gratitude**". Pupils and Staff will have the opportunity to take part in various activities throughout the month. It is the chance to demonstrate our appreciation of someone who has had a positive impact on our life and thank them for it.

The "**Mindful Gratitude**" exercise is an easy way to enrich your own life and the lives of those around you. It brings happiness and reminds us how lucky we are and the support we receive to get there.

This week make the effort to thank someone who has made that positive impact or inspired you and send a message of appreciation. This can be done in person, through an email or a note. It could be sent to an old friend, family member, Teacher or anyone you think deserves a little bit of acknowledgement or gratitude.

It does not need to be a long message, just a simple thank you and the reasons behind your gratitude. You may be surprised not only by how much this small message can mean to the person receiving it but the impact it has on yourself. Improving physical and mental health by encouraging happiness, improving relationships and increases empathy.



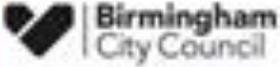


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Birmingham families can now find resources, information and help for SEND all in one place




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'Have your Say' on SEND

You are invited to Parent and Carer Engagement Events focusing on co-production and how your voice can influence the SEND offering in Birmingham. There is a choice of online or in person, with more events planned for January.




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Carrs Lane Conference Centre
15th December 2021
10am - 1pm

Online event
15th December 2021
6pm - 8pm





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Feel like you could use some emotional support?

No problem is too small at Kooth. Explore our mental wellbeing community for free, safe and anonymous support.

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Sign up for free at **Kooth.com**

[Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) 's **free, anonymous** online platform continues to support **all** children and young people across the West Midlands, with their mental health & emotional-wellbeing.

Download Schoolgateway our free school app for parents and carers.

Schoolgateway Keeping up with what's going on at school is easier than ever

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Schoolgateway is our primary mode of communication alongside emails. Therefore, we encourage you to download and regularly check the app to stay informed of important information, updates and advice.

Please note this only works for priority 1 parents/carers. If you need to update your details, please contact your daughter's Pastoral Manager.

ParentPay can you please ensure that your account is activated any queries please contact school reception enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk

