



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

10th July 2020

Important Dates for your Diary

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 17th July• Monday 20th July | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generation Lockdown writing competition• Summer Term Ends – School Closed |
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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

Confirmation of information and updates on Free School Meals:

1. £15 vouchers will continue to be sent by Edenred for each week until the end of term for all year groups; this includes Year 11 pupils.
2. Please can we ask you to check the expiry date on any FSM vouchers you may not have redeemed as yet.
3. The £90 voucher to cover the summer holiday period, has been ordered with a delivery date of **Tuesday 14th July 2020** - you should receive this voucher on or around this date. **Please be aware that this voucher expires on Friday 14th August 2020.**
4. Please use your vouchers and check expiry dates; there is nothing we can do if your voucher has expired. Any e-codes ordered after 1st July will have an expiry date of just one month.
5. If your financial circumstances have changed, please use our school website to check to see if your daughter is now eligible for Free School Meals. If you have any queries or need help with this process, please email us at enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk or ring the school and we will help.
6. School's last working day is **Friday 17th July**, so any queries regarding vouchers after this date, will need to be directed to Edenred.
7. You will remember that when schools were first closed to most pupils, Birmingham City Council initially provided two weeks of vouchers for pupils who were FSM-eligible at the time; we have a small number of those vouchers which have not yet been redeemed. If your daughter still has a 'live' voucher from the Birmingham-scheme, you will receive a message via School Gateway reminding you of the details. Please use this voucher so your daughter receives her entitlement; these vouchers will expire on **31st August**.



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We would urge any families whose circumstances have changed to complete the online form on the school website to see if their daughter is now eligible for free school meals.

School Provision

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 you require provision 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.

If you require additional support to that offered above, you can phone reception or you can contact the school office via the following email enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk.

Getting School Ready

Over the next week we will be posting learning packs 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.

ClassCharts APP

We have been made aware that some students and parents are using Classcharts via their web browser. The downside of this is that you have to log on each time you want to see the work



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set by your teachers. Did you know that you can download a parent or student App from the Apple App store or Google Playstore if you have an android phone? Both Apps are free and once logged on they remember you - making the process of checking for work much simpler.

If you were not already aware, once you have completed a task, you can mark it as complete. You can do this by clicking on the small square box next to the teacher's name. This will move the piece of work from your 'to do' list, to your completed list. Nothing nicer than having a completely 'clear' to do list!

If you cannot work out how to log on to your Classcharts account, please email your pastoral manager and they will help you.

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

- **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: 'Demography'** see [PowerPoint presentation](#) and [video](#).

Birmingham University Popular Maths Lecture: Please see the details of the final lecture and the link on how you can access the recording on - Certain Patterns of Infinite Randomness by Dr Arnaud Lionnet. [Link to watch](#)

Post-16: Given the current situation during Covid-19 educational providers have further developed their Online Virtual teaching and learning to respond to everyone's needs.

There are four Online Careers Events open to all young people, they are all being held virtually, and the links are in the attached flyer for young people to book a place to find out more information from the professionals. [Open Flyer](#)

Online Careers Events:

Tuesday 14th July 2020	Thursday 16th July 2020
These are also going to be replicated in August 2020, for those young people who are still uncertain of their next steps:	



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Tuesday 18th August 2020	Thursday 20th August 2020
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Scheduled webinars		
How to choose a course and a university	Understanding the UCAS process	How to write a personal statement
Monday 13 July, 1pm Tuesday 14 July, 10am	Tuesday 14 July, 1pm Wednesday 15 July, 10am	Wednesday 15 July, 1pm Thursday 16 July, 10am
Click to register your attendance		

Before they were famous: Can you guess the celebs job before they were famous take the quiz to discover how much you really know about these celebs' lives before they were famous. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zvjt7nb>

Stacey Dooley goes through different careers with 16-18 year olds and gives them the ultimate work experience, see link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06zhf9j/episodes/guide>

Big Bang Digital – Tuesday 14th July 2020: Calling all pupils get involved on the day with interactive polls, live Q & A with guests and associated activities. There are even prizes to be won! Click on the link to find out more. <https://www.digitalbigbang.co.uk/>

Here is next week's full Speakers for Schools' [VTALK Schedule](#).

WEEK STARTING MONDAY 13TH JULY 2020

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Mon 13 th July 10am Add to calendar	Reemah Sakaan, Group Launch Director, Britbox	Hear from Reemah Sakaan, Group Launch Director, BritBox on what it takes to have a career in TV, the skills and qualities that you might need and more about their career journey.
Mon 13 th July 2pm Add to calendar	Andrew Bailey, Governor of the Bank of England	Join us to hear from the Governor of the Bank of England, Andrew Bailey, as he talks to students across the UK about the work of the Bank and answers YOUR questions.
Tues 14 th July 10am	Richard Aylard, External Affairs and Sustainability Director and Rebekah	Reflections on sustainability in a lockdown world: Join us to hear from Richard Aylard and Rebekah Kenyon as they discuss sustainability and



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Add to calendar	Kenyon, Senior Sustainability Awareness Advisor, Thames Water	lockdown, from home working to how lockdown has impacted Thames Water's activities and our new appreciation for the environment.
Tues 14th July 2pm Add to calendar	Sara Crofts, Chief Executive, The Institute of Conservation	Who looks after the dinosaurs in the Natural History Museum? Who uncovers the hidden stories in old paintings? Who keeps Big Ben running like clockwork? Join Sara Crofts to find out how professional conservators care for the treasures in our museums and galleries.
Wed 15th July 10am Add to calendar	Anna Turney, Paralympian	Paralympian, Anna Turney, is joining SFS virtually to reflect on her own journey and share life lessons with young people including the important of goal setting, working hard and developing resilience.
Wed 15th July 2pm Add to calendar	Alejandra Castaño GHG Air Quality Lead Advisor, Upstream - GOO, BP	This talk will be given by an environmental engineer with BP about her career at the company and the kind of work she's involved in with the company's carbon ambitions.
Thurs 16th July 10am Add to calendar	Sharon Walpole, Director, Careermap	We're delighted Sharon Walpole, Director, Careermap has kindly agreed to join us to discuss how young people can prepare for their future careers from understanding what your passion is, how to research to find out more about the careers you might be interested in and sharing the resources that can help you think about your future.
Thurs 16th July 2pm Add to calendar	Julia Angeles, Investment Manager, Baillie Gifford	Interested in learning more about the skills it takes to succeed in the future job market? Julia Angeles has joined us to give insights in to the investment industry and to highlight the importance of collaborative and creative thinking in any career!

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](#)

VTALK LIBRARY

- Watch pre-recorded VTalks from our library [here](#)

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.



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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](#).

National Book Tokens: You could win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school's library – and if your entry is picked, you will also get £100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself! Click on the link for further details [here](#).

Mascot Makers wanted: Win family tickets to the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony. The organisers of Birmingham 2022 are looking for a mascot; pupils between the ages of 5 and 15 are invited to submit an entry. This is a fantastic opportunity to design a mascot which will be seen all over the world. Please click on the link for further details.

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

Reminder for your entries for the **Poster of Positivity Competition**. Remember to send your entries to Ms Corser r.corser@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk





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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: For any families who are worried about having enough necessities over the summer holidays such as food, toiletries or clothes, please contact the school on enquiry@hodgehqs.bham.sch.uk or call with your daughter's name requesting a call back from their Pastoral Manager. We will arrange for you to be contacted to discuss how we may be able to help.

Educational support for children with SEND during COVID-19

Birmingham City Council's Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) and Inclusion team is inviting parents and carers of children and young people with SEND to take part in a short survey. The aim of this survey is to find out your experiences during lockdown and the support you have received from different education services. The survey will close on 15th July 2020. [Online survey](#)

If you would like further information about this survey please contact lauren.amery@nhs.net

Transport to school: Families may find <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AwaOX4iCDTg> useful if and when considering using public transport; this will be particularly useful for any pupils who use public transport to travel to school. Also please click on the following link for safe travel for Year 6 pupils travelling to secondary schools. Click [West Midlands Police Resources](#).

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>



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Kooth.com: Waiting for exam results? Worried or unsure about future choices? 24/7 access to self-help materials and daily online counselling available over the summer holidays. Click on the link to sign up today free. <https://www.kooth.com/> view [poster](#)



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

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

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

Stay Alert and Stay Safe