



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday 14th February• Monday 15th – 19th February• Tuesday 16th February | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valentine's Day• Half Term – School Closed to all pupils• Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day |
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It is important that you are checking your School Gateway/emails and the school website for updates from the Headteacher.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For Critical workers and vulnerable students school will be closed this half term and re-opens on Monday 22nd February.

Reminder: Parent Governor Elections – Closure date for nominations is **24th February 2021**.

Due to government announcements changing on a regular basis you can keep up to date on the latest information by clicking on the following link: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

School Information



CLICK HERE TO APPLY FOR
FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free School Meals

February half-term vouchers – These vouchers have been coordinated by Birmingham City Council and we have emailed these via School Gateway. Due to circumstances beyond our control, however, there has been a delay with a small number of these vouchers. For pupils who have not yet received their February half-term voucher, these will be sent after half-term as soon as school have received them.

Vouchers for w/c 22/2 and 1/3 – These vouchers will be emailed to you from Edenred. We are not able to order vouchers until after half-term so plan to place our order on 22nd February. We hope that vouchers will then arrive by email by 25th February for the first week after half-term, and on 1st March for the second week.

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GCSE Pod

Hodge Hill Girls' School was one of the ten highest using schools out of over 1500 schools across the country again last week.

Individual year group figures are as follows:

Year 7	93%	990 pods accessed: English Literature, English Language and Spanish
Year 8	93%	551 pods; History, English Literature, Maths
Year 9	95%	230 pods; English Literature, History, DT
Year 10	99%	318 pods; Maths, Chemistry, English Literature
Year 11	99%	206 pods; History, English Language, Combined Science

Check out the top ten users. [Click here to view.](#)

Art

Art is celebrated in many forms and the Yorkshire Sculpture Park is showing an online video of Bhangra Lexicon. This is the world's first 'visual dictionary' of movements found within this beautiful artform, carefully compiled by World Bhangra Day founder, the Huddersfield-based dancer, Hardeep Sahota. In collaboration with photographer Tim Smith, images that show physical, even sculptural, form to the fleeting nature of dance through the fascinating medium of light painting. Dancers performed key moves whilst holding coloured lights in semi-darkness, so that every nuance of their actions was traced using long exposure photography. A fascinating and beautiful piece of art. [Click here to view.](#)

PE - House Logo Competition

Pupils have been invited by the School Council to design a logo for their house. It needs to be something that represents the person your house is named after but also our school and community. The logo needs to be small enough to fit inside the box below:





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Once you have designed your logo please email it to either your house leader (school council rep) or the school council group schoolcouncil2020@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk. Please make sure you include your name, year group and house with your entry. Entries should be sent no later than **Monday 22nd February 2021**. If you have any questions email either your house leader (school council rep) or s.barron@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk

SEND

It has been a busy half term in school supporting our pupils with SEN. Keyworkers have been in regular contact with pupils both in school and at home and have supported pupils with a wide variety of issues.

The Director of Inclusion (SENCO) will be holding an additional SEN parent morning at the beginning of March (date to be confirmed) You will be able to book a meeting in the same way as for parents evening using the school cloud.

We have added a link to our website to support you with accessibility to different technology available to support pupils with various Special Educational Needs

- <https://hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/parents/send/senresources>

The following websites offer a wide range of information, advice and resources for parents and carers to help with their children at home in Birmingham:

- <https://hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/parents/send/bcc-send-information-for-parents>

NAP/EAL

Each day, please ask your daughter about the learning that has been set for on ClassCharts. Please check that she is submitting learning in line with the information on ClassCharts. Parents can look at what is on ClassCharts by using the parent login details which have been sent previously.

Newly Arrived Pupil Review Week

Newly Arrived Review Meetings will be held virtually online from **Monday 22nd March 2021**. You will be able to make an appointment with Mrs Arshad and Miss Mullins to see how they are progressing with their learning. Appointments can be made from **Friday 12th March 2021** and will close on **Sunday 21st March 2021 at 5.00pm**. To book an appointment, please visit <http://hhgs.schoolcloud.co.uk/> or click on the parent tab found on the homepage of the school website.

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International Mother Language Day is on Sunday 21st February 2021. It is a day to celebrate and protect all the languages of the world. Join Manchester Libraries via their Facebook Page for a very special week of multi-lingual story time to celebrate International Mother Language Day 2021! Each day from 16th February 2021 at 11am there will be stories in different languages for children. [Tune in for free!](#)



Mother Tongue-Other Tongue Competition is free to enter and open to pupils aged between 8 and 18 which launches on **22nd February 2022**. Mother Tongue asks pupils, who do not have English as a first language, to write about a creative poem or song in their native language. Entries need to be submitted by **Wednesday 26th May 2021**. The winners will be invited to the Poetry library at Manchester Metropolitan University on Wednesday 14th July 2021. Click here for further information: <https://www.mmu.ac.uk/mothertongueoothertonque/>



Bringing Stories to Life: Reading Competition promoting mental wellbeing

We are launching a brand-new reading competition, open to all year groups. There are many different ways in which you can enter so there is bound to be one that would suit your daughter. Please encourage participation, many of the activities have been highlighted in promoting mental wellbeing. The deadline for the competition is the **5th March 2021**. All information about the competition has been e-mailed to all students and sent via Class Charts. [PowerPoint presentation link](#)

VLE Library Guide: For online book loans. Click on the [PowerPoint presentation](#) showing you how to book online.

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

InvestIn: Spring Term Work Experience – Last chance to register. The programmes will give students aged 12-18 an immersive experience of their dream career. You will work alongside top professionals through a series of role-plays, seminars, simulations and networking sessions. Click on the following link [Register](#)

Norwich University of Art are hosting a series of talks from industry professionals from fields such as Animation, Fashion, Photography, TV, leading specialist UK Universities and more. This programme will run every **Wednesday at 3.30pm from the 3rd February until the Easter Holidays** and students are welcome to book on to any of the following sessions.

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Date	Event	Clients/ employer/ topics
3 rd Feb	Nick Rees, Beverage photographer- My Career in Photography	Costa Coffee, Heineken, Guinness
10 th Feb	HE Creative Specialist (NUA, Falmouth, UAL)	Key questions for choosing the right university
17 th Feb	Half Term	N/A
24 st Feb	Savio Thomas, Digital Pattern cutter 3D Modellist- My Career in Fashion	M&S
3 rd Mar	TBC	TBC
10 th Mar	Emily Ringe, Senior Researcher- My Career in TV	Mock the Week, Made in Chelsea
17 th Mar	TBC	TBC
24 th Mar	Dan Kelby, Character Designer- My Career in Animation	Netflix, Disney, Cartoon Network

- <https://www.nua.ac.uk/events/all/ignite-series/>

BT Apprentices – are on the lookout for apprentices. Click on the following links in customer service, supporting role and business customers.

- [Customer Service Associate - Business Customer Support](#)
- [Customer Service Associate - Future Service](#)
- [Customer Service Associate - Wholesale Service & Support](#)
- [Customer Service Associate – Wholesale](#)

They also have roles available as a Field Support Technician, Security Power Engineer, Sales Specialist and roles in Cyber Security. [Click here to apply to BT](#)

- [Field Support Technician](#)
- [Security Power Engineer](#)
- [Power Planner](#)
- [Power Technician](#)
- [Sales Specialist](#)
- [Cyber Security – Managed Services](#)

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Speakers for Schools is now working with top UK employers on a Green Skills work experience week that offers Hodge Hill Girls' School students meaningful virtual work experience opportunities that will provide them with insight into skills needed in the green economy and career pathways in these organisations.

Green Skill Week Virtual Work Experience Opportunities:

[Anglian Water 'App in a Day' Insight Day](#)

- Date: 7 April 2021
- Eligibility: Year 10 students interested in a career in creative design, IT and innovation.
- Application Deadline: 8 March 2021

[Anglian Water 'App in a Day' Insight Day](#)

- Date: 9 April 2021
- Eligibility: Year 12 students interested in a career in creative design, IT and innovation
- Application Deadline: 10 March 2021

[Be Part of a Smart Future - Energy Industry Insight Day](#)

- Date: 7 April 2021.
- Eligibility: 14 – 19-year-olds based in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex.
- Application Deadline: 8 March 2021

[Sustainability Challenge Insight Day - Fusion](#)

- Dates: 7 April 2021.
- Eligibility: 14 -19-year-olds in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Coventry and Warwickshire, Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire will be prioritised.
- Application Deadline: 3 March 2021

[Engineering Green Skills Insight Day - Sir Robert McAlpine](#)

- Date: 9 April 2021
- Eligibility: 14 – 19-year-olds interested in sustainability and the engineering sector.
Application Deadline: 12 March 2021

[Architecture + Design Work Placement – Carmody Groarke](#)

- Dates: 12 – 16 April 2021
- Eligibility: 16 -19-year-olds who are keen to gain insight into architecture and design.
- Application Deadline: 12 March 2021

[Green Careers in the Build Environment – Morgan Sindall](#)

- Dates: 6 – 9 April 2021, 9.30am – 5pm.
- Eligibility: 16 – 19-year-olds interested in a career in environmentally friendly engineering
- Application Deadline: 15 March 2021

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[Build Yourself with Wates – Sustainability Insight Day](#)

- Date: 6 April 2021, 10am – 3pm.
- Eligibility: 16 – 19-year-olds interested in a career in engineering and sustainability.
- Application Deadline: 6 March 2021

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- Date: 8 April 2021, 10am – 3pm.
- Eligibility: 14 – 19-year-olds interested in financial inclusion and the environment.
- Application Deadline: 8 March 2021

[Being Green Insight Day – Thames Water](#)

- Date: 7 April 2021, 10am – 1pm.
- Eligibility: 14 – 19-year-olds interested in financial inclusion and the environment.
- Application Deadline: 7 March 2021

[Sustainability and achieving Net-Zero by 2030 with SSE](#)

- Date: 6 April 2021.
- Eligibility: 14 – 19-year-olds interested in sustainability and city planning.
- Application Deadline: 6 March 2021

[Green Skills with GTR \(Govia Thameslink Railway\)](#)

- Date: 7 April 2021, 10am – 1pm.
- Eligibility: 14 – 19-year-olds interested in climate change and the railway industry.
- Application Deadline: 6 March 2021

For a full list of placements - [sign in here to search and apply.](#)



[Safeguarding, Wellbeing and Support](#)

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.

Thought for the week: 'Emotions' Click on the link [Secondary Presentation 'Emotions'](#) also view the [video](#) link.

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Your daughter or family can find support through the organisations below:

Support for families

(BCP) Birmingham Children's Partnership

Emergency and ongoing help for Birmingham please click on the letter for more information on help and support [BCP letter](#).

Approachable Parenting sessions: Click on [poster](#) for details

The Pump – Recipe Box If you are in crisis and need support with food or essential items boxes will be available for collection and local delivery from Monday 8th February until Friday 2nd April 2021. Please click on the [link](#) for further details.

ChatHealth Text Service - 07480635485

The school health texting service can provide confidential support for students aged 11 years upwards around relationships, mental health, alcohol, bullying, self-harm, smoking, drugs and healthy eating. During COVID 19 parents are also able to text this number to seek support. A poster about this service is attached with this update. [Poster](#)

Virtual School Nurse Drop-in (Secondary Pupils)

The virtual school nurse drop-in is on offer to all secondary school age children. Every Tuesday and Thursday 4.30-5.30pm (all year round). This can be accessed via the link <https://nhs.uk/BCHC/C-F/Schl-Nurse/Drop-In>.

[Please visit this link for updated referral form and further information.](#)

“Youth Inclusion and Support Project (YISP) The YISP project will support young people aged 10-19 from across Birmingham”

Referrals can be made through the website www.actcic.org.uk/yisp

Useful websites:

- **Barnado's:** barnados.co.uk
- **Forward Thinking Birmingham** click on link for further support contacts: [FTB](#)
- **Kooth:** <https://www.kooth.com/>
- **Mind:** <https://www.mind.org.uk/>
- **NSPCC** at www.nspcc.org.uk or call their national helpline 0808 800 5000.
- **Partnership for Children:** www.partnershipforchildren.org.uk
- **Pause: School website -** [Pause | Hodge Hill Girls' School \(hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk\)](http://Pause | Hodge Hill Girls' School (hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk))
- **Women's Aid:** womensaid.org.uk
- **YoungMinds:** [Looking after your mental health](#)

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Keeping your daughter safe online:

All parents/carers need to be aware of what their daughter are accessing when online. Young people often access sites that are not appropriate for their age. Click on the following links for further guidance on staying safe online and preventing cyberbullying on social media.

- <https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/parents/online-safety>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- <https://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/social-media.html>

Where can I go to report something, I am not happy with?

- Parents
- Teachers
- Friends
- Police
- Online web report button



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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 10 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.**