



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b></li><li>• <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b></li><li>• <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April</b></li><li>• <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b></li><br/><li>• <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April</b></li><li>• <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b></li><li>• <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b></li><li>• <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mother's Day</b></li><li>• <b>Year 9 Assessment Week</b></li><li>• <b>Year 10/Year 11 Mock Exams</b></li><li>• <b>Year 8 Parents Evening – Online appointments only.</b></li><li>• <b>Reading Test for Year 7 - 10</b></li><li>• <b>Easter Break – school holidays</b></li><li>• <b>School re-opens</b></li><li>• <b>Year 7 Assessment Week</b></li><li>• <b>Year 8 Assessment Week</b></li></ul> |
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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

**Help to improve mental health services for young people.**

**Have you, or someone you care for, used or tried to access young people's NHS mental health services in Birmingham?**

**Healthwatch Birmingham** wants to improve mental health services for young people. They would love to hear about your experiences, so they can make sure you get the care and support you need.

**You can share your views by either:**

Completing their [quick online survey](#)

Calling freephone [0800 652 5278](tel:08006525278) and speaking to Chipiliro Kalebe-Nyamongo, Ghazanfar Khan or Jane Upton.

Emailing your contact details to [chipilirok@healthwatchbirmingham.co.uk](mailto:chipilirok@healthwatchbirmingham.co.uk)

***All your details can be kept confidential.***

**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: [gov.uk/backtoschool](https://gov.uk/backtoschool)





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## School Information

**Face coverings** should be worn by pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. Face coverings should be worn in classrooms and during activities unless social distancing can be maintained. This does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons.



### **Free School Meals**

Vouchers in the place of Free School Meals will be provided for the full two weeks of the Easter holidays by Birmingham City Council; we will distribute these via School Gateway and hope to be able to do this week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> March; these vouchers will be using the Sodexo scheme which was most recently used at February half-term. Please note that there may be some changes to this, and our timescales are dependent on when we receive the vouchers in school. As ever, if you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact us using [enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk). Vouchers can only be provided for pupils who have confirmed Free School Meals' eligibility.

### **GCSE Pod**

The regional usage league ended last Sunday with us finishing in 3rd place; this has meant that we have progressed into the national league with the top 17 schools nationally. We are currently in 7th place in that league with an average of 4.3 pods having been watched per KS4 pupil.

Individual year group figures are as follows:

<b>Year 7</b>	96%	1216 pods; History, English Literature and English Language
<b>Year 8</b>	95%	819 pods; History, English Literature, English Language
<b>Year 9</b>	96%	181 pods; English Literature, Chemistry, DT/English Language
<b>Year 10</b>	99%	294 pods; History, English Literature, Maths
<b>Year 11</b>	99%	295 pods; RS, History, Maths

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

### **Loaned Laptops to Support Remote Learning**

Pupils who have been loaned laptops to support remote learning must NOT bring the laptops into school; these are for home-use only. We will update parents accordingly when these devices should be returned; it is not our intention to request the return of these devices at any stage in the near future as we plan for them to continue to be used at home to support pupils with their learning. If your daughter has a school laptop which is no longer needed, please contact school so that we can arrange for it to be returned; we are very grateful to families who have done this already as this has enabled us to loan the device to another pupil.





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## SEND

We have a number of pupils using Lexia as a reading and comprehension intervention in school. If your daughter has been given a username and password, please encourage them to access it at home too. This can be accessed using the pupil portal page. Scroll down and click on the Lexia Power Up Icon. [Lexia PowerUp Literacy - Login and Student Program](#)

**Value of the Month:** ['STRENGTH'](#) click to view poster.

## Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)



Speakers for schools have added more exclusive virtual work experience opportunities on the Experience portal taking place during the next half term in April.

Green Skill Week Virtual Work Experience Opportunities:

### [Discovery Day in the creative Production and Management Company, 42](#)

- Dates: 27 April 2021(4pm – 6:30pm)
- Eligibility: 15 – 19-year-old curious about what goes on behind the scenes in film production.
- Application Deadline: 26 March 2021

### [Working on HS2 Project -Fusion and EKFB](#)

- Dates: 12 – 16 April 2021
- Eligibility: 14 – 19-year-olds based in the Midlands.
- Application Deadline: 21 March 2021

### [Perry Barr Residential Scheme VWEX – Lendlease Joint Venture](#)

- Dates: 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- Eligibility: 14 – 19-year-olds living or studying in the Birmingham area.
- Application Deadline: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### [Build Yourself with Wates – Sustainability Insight Day \(Midlands and The North\)](#)

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

### [Engineering & Technology - Ofcom](#)

- Dates: 6 - 9 April 2021
- Eligibility: 16 – 19-year-olds interested in learning how our communications services work today.





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- Application Deadline: 19 March 2021

## The Future of Green Careers - SThree

- Dates: 14 April 2021
- Eligibility: 16 – 19-year-olds keen to find out how do you turn passion for the environment into a future career?
- Application Deadline: 19 March 2021

## NextGen Nurse - Meet the people behind the masks

- Date: 20 April 2021.
- Eligibility: 14 – 19 year interested in helping to save and improve people`s lives.
- Application Deadline: 29 March 2021

## STEM Challenge VWEX with Johnson Matthey

- Dates: 6 - 8 April 2021
- Eligibility: 14 – 19-year-olds keen to find out more about a career in sustainable technology.
- Application Deadline: 22 March 2021

## VGC Group - Construction & Civil Engineering VWEX

- Date: 12 - 16 April 2021
- Eligibility: 14 – 19-year-olds starting to think about your next steps after GCSE or A-levels
- Application Deadline: 12 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

## Design and Construction VWEX with Balfour Beatty

- Dates: 6 April 2021 (10am – 12pm)
- Eligibility: 14 – 19-year-olds keen to learn more exciting changes being made in the industry to GO GREEN.
- Application Deadline: 14 March 2021

## Be Part of a Smart Future - Energy Industry Insight Day

- Date: 7 April 2021.
- Eligibility: 14 – 19-year-olds keen to learn how they can transform the UK's energy system.
- Application Deadline: 19 March 2021

## App in a Day` Insight Day – Anglian Water

- Dates: 9 April 2021
- Eligibility: 16 – 19-year-olds interested in a career in information technology.





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- Application Deadline: 23 March 2021

## [J Murphy & Sons - An Insight into the Construction Industry!](#)

- Dates: 12 - 16 April 2021
- Eligibility: 14 – 19-year-olds keen to learn about apprenticeships and graduate schemes.
- Application Deadline: 19 March 2021

## [Insight Day for Careers in Music – British Army](#)

- Dates: 14 April 2021(10am -12am)
- Eligibility: 15 – 19-year-olds interested in interested in a vocation with music performance at its heart.
- Application Deadline: 14 March 2021

Opportunities may close early if many places are oversubscribed. **For a full list of placements** - [sign in here to search and apply.](#)

Here is next week's full [Live Broadcasts Schedule.](#)

### HOW TO JOIN THE LIVE BROADCASTS

- Join 10 minutes before the broadcast to be ready
- You can join without needing an account – [Watch how here](#)
- For full speaker descriptions visit the [Broadcast Schedule here](#)

SFS have also designed an [activity sheet](#) for you to complete after the talk and send back to [n.nazish@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:n.nazish@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk). In every talk SFS will announce a colour which you can fill in and this will show which event you have attended virtually.

**Sandwell College** - West Bromwich Albion Football Course trials will be taking place on

- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 10.00am – 12.00pm Women only.**

Students who are interested in trialling for this course can register via the link attached –

- [Albion foundation Post-16 programme](#)

If you have any questions, please email [schoolsliaison@sandwell.ac.uk](mailto:schoolsliaison@sandwell.ac.uk) or [Neil.Parker@sandwell.ac.uk](mailto:Neil.Parker@sandwell.ac.uk)





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**NHS Live Virtual Work Experience** Programme is now available to support all aspiring healthcare students with work experience opportunities during the pandemic. Students now have access to their own specific work experience programme that will be highly relevant to the following healthcare careers:

Nursing  
Midwifery  
Paramedics  
Physiotherapists  
Occupational Therapists  
Radiographers  
Art, drama and music therapists  
Dietitians  
Operating Department Practitioners  
Radiographers  
Podiatrists  
Osteopaths  
Orthoptists  
Prosthetists and orthotics  
Speech and language therapists

You can learn more and register for the programme here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Students will receive certificates upon completion, but places are limited and therefore they will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis to keep this fair. If you are interested, you can register through the website link above. Places are just £10 a day to cover administrative costs. If you have students from low-income backgrounds, they can attend for free.

You can also download the flyer at this link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/NHSHealthcareCareersLiveVirtualWorkExperience.pdf>

Please inform Miss Nazish if you apply for any of the positions [n.nazish@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:n.nazish@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk)

**Job of the week in the Health sector:** [Emergency Medical Dispatcher](#). Click on the link for further details.



## 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.





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

## Useful websites:

- [Action for children](#)
- Barnado's: [Believe in children](#) | [Children's charity](#) | [Barnardo's](#)
- Birmingham Parent Carer Forum [PDF](#)
- [Child Bereavement UK](#)
- [Child Line](#)
- Forward Thinking Birmingham click on link for further support contacts: [FTB](#)
- Kooth: <https://www.kooth.com/>

**Upcoming Live Forums:** Please note the upcoming Live Forums on Kooth for young people to access during March are as follows: -

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Pursuing Happiness
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Spring'ing into Action
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Social Takeover: Easter Fun
  
- Mind: <https://www.mind.org.uk/>
- [Muslim Youth Helpline](#)
- NHS Support looking after a child or young person's mental health [NHS link](#)
- NSPCC at [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) or call their national helpline 0808 800 5000.
- Partnership for Children: [www.partnershipforchildren.org.uk](http://www.partnershipforchildren.org.uk)
- Pause: School website - [Pause | Hodge Hill Girls' School \(hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk\)](#)
- Women's Aid: [Home - Women's Aid](#)
- YoungMinds: [Looking after your mental health](#)

## **Keeping your daughter safe online**

It is important to have regular conversations about staying safe online and to encourage children to speak to you if they come across something worrying online. Talk to your child about the importance of creating a safe online environment, including keeping any log-in details and passwords safe. For further support you can log onto gov.uk.

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

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

[Preventing bullying including cyberbullying for parents/carers](#)

[Keeping your child safe online](#)

