



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

14th May 2021

Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 17th MayMonday 24th MayMonday 31st May – 4th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Curriculum and Pastoral Governors meeting and Year 7 Assessment WeekYear 8 Assessment WeekMay Half-Term Week – School closed |
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It is important that you are checking your School Gateway/emails and the school website for updates from the school.

Lateral Flow Testing (LFT)

Many people with coronavirus (COVID-19) have mild, or even no symptoms but can still spread the virus. With regular self-testing we can slow the spread and help protect the most vulnerable in our families and communities.

To register your LFT results please click on the appropriate date below.

[Week commencing 17th May](#)

[Week commencing 24th May](#)

[Week commencing 31st May](#)

[Testing @ home easy reading guide](#)

Face Coverings

As part of the government's move to Step 3 of the roadmap, from **Monday 17 May**, new advice applies to the use of face coverings by staff, pupils and students in schools and further education in England.

Face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils and students in classrooms or communal areas. It is still recommended that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas). Face coverings can still be worn by pupils if they choose.





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Free School Meals

We expect to be able to email voucher codes for May half-term **Free School Meals' vouchers** during the week beginning **24th May**; please note that dates may vary a little depending on when we receive the voucher codes into school. Please contact us if you need any support with this process and do let us know if your email address has changed so that we can update our records.

If your circumstances have changed, please use the link from the school website to see if your daughter is now eligible for Free School Meals. Any pupil who is eligible on or before 28th May will be entitled to a supermarket voucher for May half-term.

GCSE Pod

The school remains in 5th place in the national league for GCSE Pod usage. 1243 pods have been accessed over the last week with History, English Literature and Combined Science the most accessed subjects across the school.

Individual year group figures are as follows:

Year 7	96%	336 pods; English Literature, Chemistry, ICT/Maths
Year 8	94%	550 pods; History, English Literature, English Language
Year 9	96%	63 pods; English Literature, Creative iMedia, Maths/ICT
Year 10	99%	199 pods; English Literature, Combined Science, English Language
Year 11	99%	95 pods; RS, History, Combined Science

Laptops

If your daughter has been loaned a laptop from school, you may receive communication from us over the coming weeks asking you to bring the laptop in so that we can swap it for a different laptop; this is because a number of the laptops loaned out during the Lockdowns were school devices to support learning in lessons. We are now able to recall these and swap them for a laptop provided by the DFE which will mean that we are able to make greater use of laptops back in school.

Please do remember to get in touch if a laptop is needed to support home learning as we may be able to help; and if your daughter has borrowed a laptop from school which is no longer needed, please let us know so it can be returned.

Year 7 Summer Assessments

Year 7 will be taking their summer assessments during week commencing 17th May, with a small number of assessments being taken outside of this week to fit in with the school timetable.

Please click on the following [Year 7 Assessment timetable](#)





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Year 8 Summer Assessments

Year 8 will be taking their summer assessments during week commencing 24th May.

Please click on the following [Year 8 Assessment timetable](#)

Year 8 Textiles' Resource Pack



All pupils in Year 8 will be receiving a resource pack over the next two weeks to support learning in Textiles. We hope that you will be able to support your daughter with this; all equipment has been provided apart from a suitable needle and scissors.



Guidance regarding safety and supervision has been shared with pupils in class and is included on page 3 of the accompanying booklet; this is also available on ClassCharts.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop their learning further; if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Walsh, Subject Leader for Textiles, at school. h.walsh@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk

Thought for the Week: Nature

Value of the Month: Patience

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

Job of the week in the Health sector: [Nutritionist](#)

LMI Information

Nurses

Weekly Pay 660	Annual Pay 34,320
Hours/Week 36h	Hourly Pay 18

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth 8.7%	Replacement 53.7%
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The workforce is projected to grow by 8.7% over the period to 2027, creating **65,900** jobs. In the same period, 53.7% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating **407,500** job openings.



Romulus Football Education Academy Trial Day are hosting their academy trial day based in Castle Vale on **Tuesday 1st June** for Year 10 and Year 11. Please click on the following links for more information

- [TrialDaySchedule](#)
- [HOET Romulus FC Academy leaflet](#)

There is an online ticket booking system and places are limited.

Book via the following link - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trial-day-romulus-fc-academy-tickets-154677124443>

Please inform n.nazish@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk if you attend.



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.

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](#)
- [Child Bereavement UK](#)
- [Child Line](#)
- Forward Thinking Birmingham click on link for further support contacts: [FTB](#)



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Kooth: <https://www.kooth.com/> Click on the following [letter to Parents/Carers](#)

- Mind: <https://www.mind.org.uk/>
- [Muslim Youth Helpline](#)
- NHS Support looking after a child or young person's mental health [NHS link](#)





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- 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: [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

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

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

[Keeping your child safe online](#)

