



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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## Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021</li><li>• Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021</li><li>• Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021</li><li>• Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January</li><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 9 Options Evening – virtual</li><li>• Year 9 Parents Evening - virtual</li><li>• International Day of Education</li><li>• Holocaust Memorial Day</li><li>• Children's Mental Health Week</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 Headteacher.**



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Due to school closure till February half term only pupils of keyworkers, vulnerable and those with an EHCP are permitted to be on school site.**

Due to government announcements changing on a regular basis you can keep up to date on the latest information by click on the following link: [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### School Information



CLICK HERE TO APPLY FOR  
FREE SCHOOL MEALS

#### **Free School Meals:**

1. You may be aware that the government has announced a return to the previous supermarket voucher scheme for pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals for the period w/c 18<sup>th</sup> January to w/c 8<sup>th</sup> February. We are awaiting final details but expect to be



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ordering vouchers next week for delivery to the email address to which School Gateway communications are delivered; emails will come from Edenred as they have done previously to the value of £15 per eligible pupil per week.

2. We have continued to contact parents where vouchers from October half-term and the Christmas holidays have not been redeemed; please ensure that these are redeemed before the expiry date. We are unable to support if the voucher has expired.
3. If your personal circumstances have changed and you think that your daughter may now be eligible for Free School Meals, please complete the form on the school website, or contact the school on [enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) for support.

- Click on the presentation on how to apply [FSM PowerPoint presentation](#)
- Online application form <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

**GCSE Pod:** Pupils have watched **1376** pods over the last week, with English Literature, History and English Language the most accessed subjects. We remain in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 113 similar sized schools in the region for usage with an average of 31.17 pods watched per KS4 pupil since 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020.

Individual year group figures are as follows:

<b>Year 7</b>	376 pods accessed; Geography, History and Biology have been the most accessed subjects
<b>Year 8</b>	209 pods; English Literature, History, English Language
<b>Year 9</b>	271 pods; English Literature, Design and Technology, Health and Fitness
<b>Year 10</b>	358 pods; Maths, English Literature, RS
<b>Year 11</b>	162 pods; History, Geography, Biology

Check out the leader board to see if you have made the top ten. Click [here](#) to view.

**Art Department:** Artist Grayson Perry is making a new series of his art club television program for channel 4. If you would like to submit some work for this, based on the themes for each week which might get onto the telly, then click the link below.

- [Grayson Art Club/submit your art](#)





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**Attention** Can the Christmas Zentangle Art Competition winners in 9G3, 8H1 and 7W e-mail [z.baig@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:z.baig@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) with your name and class so your prize can be posted home to you.

## Food and Technology:

Year 11 - Hospitality and Catering- due to current circumstances the food practical exam will be rescheduled for March, date to be advised. Food recipes should be trialled at home ready for this exam - one dish plus side dishes. Any questions please email

- [a.merrigan@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:a.merrigan@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk)



## Create a recipe for Team GB

Every year Aldi and 'Get Set to Eat Fresh' launches a competition for aspiring cooks to create an original recipe inspired by Team GB.

Deadline for all entries is **1st February 2021**. You must email your recipe sheet, your photo with the dish and entry form to: [a.merrigan@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:a.merrigan@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk)

- ✓ The winner will be added to Aldi's collection of Taste Kitchen recipes - featuring on both the Aldi and Get Set to Eat Fresh sites.
- ✓ **You must ensure that you have written consent from your parents/carers for your photograph to be entered and used on the websites (should you be a winner).**

For detailed information on the competition rules and what is required please click on the following links [Taste Kitchen Challenge Power Point](#)

## Hegarty Maths

Well done to all students who have made a positive start to this half term and completed all the tasks set in the first week. Hegarty Maths can be accessed on most phones, tablets, and laptops. Tasks set do not have to be completed during normal lesson times but by the completion date set by the teacher.

We would like to thank parents/carers for their continued support in monitoring and encouraging the use of Hegarty Maths at home. If your daughter has any difficulties using the program or accessing the work, please contact their Maths teacher directly.

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## Reading Books

If pupils would like a reading book/s whilst they are at home, they should contact Mrs Clews on [s.clews@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:s.clews@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) for further information.

## SEND Department

My name is Sarah Clews, and I am the Director of Inclusion (SENCO and Mental Health Lead) at Hodge Hill Girls Scholl. If you should need to contact me my email address is [s.clews@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:s.clews@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk)

We have added a section to our website that may support you with accessing technology. This is particularly aimed at pupils with SEN. It can be accessed using the following link. <https://hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/misc/senresources>

If pupils are finding it difficult to upload their work, there is now a pdf document that can be downloaded to show you how to submit work. It can be accessed using the following link. [PDF](#)  
Or the school website <https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/parents/homework>

## Parents Toolkit for SEN:

SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) resources, activities and support to help you and your family during lockdown.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zh9v382>

## Flash Academy

A new version of Flash Academy is now available for your daughter. Below is a full outline of all the exciting new content and features that Flash Academy now offer:

**Home Language Audio-** Flash Academy have now added audio for Arabic, Hungarian, Korean and Czech.

**WOW Words now in Curriculum Categories-** lessons are designed to tackle the word gap by looking at Tier 2 (ambitious) vocabulary will now appear across all curriculum categories.

## Home Learning- Online Website

**EAL Hub:** <https://www.ealhub.co.uk/home-learning-area/>

Provides lots of home learning activities, planned to cover full weeks. (English) covering comprehension, word, games, mats, videos, stories, language learning, **many resources are free!**

**Story Online:** <https://www.storylineonline.net/library/>

Another great website for finding free books for children online. On this site when you select the book you want to read; it streams the reading of the book. For each book there are also activity guides after for building children's literacy skills.





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## **Oxford Owl**

The British Oxford Owl Website offer a large range of free books online for children aged 3-11 years old. Simply select the categories and choose from the various options including age group, book type, level, and series. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/library-page>

## **Year 7 & 8 pupils with a Reading Record Book**

This week you should have received an email from [m.evans@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:m.evans@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) a work sheet about four stories and comprehension. You must return your completed work via email to Mrs Evans. Click on the link [worksheet](#)

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



**SPEAKERS**  
for schools  
**EXPERIENCE**

There are some fantastic free virtual work experience opportunities available through Speakers4Schools over the next few weeks, and mostly during the February half-term break. Most of the opportunities are aimed at pupils in our Year 10 and 11 – and older Year 9 pupils – and you may have older children at home (Year 12 and 13) who would also like to find out more. Please take a look at the opportunities below and click on the links if you are interested:

### **New Virtual Work Experience Opportunities Recruiting Now:**

#### [NextGen Nurse - Meet the people behind the masks: North East England](#)

- Dates: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- Eligibility: 14 – 19-year-olds keen to find out more about a career in the NHS.
- Application Deadline: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021

#### [Willmott Dixon Management Careers VWEX- Future Leaders Wanted](#)

- Dates: 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- Eligibility: 14 – 19-year-olds interested in management careers in construction.
- Application Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

#### [Farrans Construction Insight Day](#)

- Dates: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- Eligibility: 16 – 19-year-olds students interested in real industry knowledge.
- Application Deadline: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

**SPRING TERM WORK EXPERIENCE AT UCL:** Students can attend either 'Live Online' before Easter or in-person at UCL later in April. Places are highly limited. [View Programmes & Register Now](#)



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Remember to email [n.nazish@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:n.nazish@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) head of careers if you apply.

**Job of the Week in the Health Sector:** [Biochemist](#). Click on the link for further details.



Please see below for this week's Speakers for Schools broadcasts; pupils who are interested in these areas are encouraged to access [Student Activity Sheet for Teachers](#)

## WEEK STARTING MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> January 5-6pm</b>  <a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a>	Anthony Salcito, Vice President of Microsoft Worldwide Education for KS4-5/S4-6	Anthony Salcito is the Vice President of Microsoft Worldwide Education and was previously the Vice President of the Public Sector & Government. Anthony's role involves empowering educators and inspiring students to achieve more. He aims to transform the way we all learn, with the support of the best technology, to help build the skills needed for the 21st century workplace. In this SFS broadcast, tune in to hear Anthony's thoughts on how technology has impacted education, what skills are important for your future career and get the opportunity to ask your questions!
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> January 10-11am</b>  <a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a>	Sophie Darlington, Wildlife Cinematographer for KS3-5/S1-6	Join us to hear Sophie Darlington share insights into what it is like to be a Wildlife Cinematographer. Sophie will be interviewed by SFS on what it was like to work on "Our Planet" and "Perfect Planet", where she gains her inspiration from and will be sharing some top tips on filmmaking. A broadcast not to be missed for students interested in nature and filmmaking.
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> January on ZOOM  2-3pm</b>	Introduction to Animation & VFX with Industrial Light & Magic for KS3/S1-3	Join Industrial Light and Magic for this ZOOM webinar about what it's like to have a career in VFX! There will be the opportunity to hear from people who work for ILM and how they started in their careers and more about their work. There



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SIGN UP](#)

will be the opportunity to ask the speakers questions too.

## 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](#)



## Apply Now for Opportunities at Top Companies

Success at School has put together the latest school/college leaver jobs and apprenticeships at leading employers across the UK. Click to apply on the following.



**BT** - Higher, Intermediate, Advanced & Degree Apprenticeships

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Location:** Nationwide

**Salary:** Competitive

[View jobs](#)



**IBM** - Gap Year internship programs

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Location:** Nationwide

**Salary:** Starting from £18,000

[View jobs](#)



**PwC** - School Leaver Programmes, Degree Apprenticeships

**Deadline:** 29 January 2021

**Location:** Nationwide

**Salary:** Competitive

[View jobs](#)



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**Pearson College London** - Degree Apprenticeship  
**Deadline:** 26 February 2021  
**Location:** London  
**Salary:** Competitive

[View jobs](#)

**Virtual Open Days for Colleges and Sixth Form - Book your place now!**

## **Bordesley Green Girls' School & Sixth Form**

Due to the national lockdown and the subsequent delayed start to the spring term, the deadline for submitting application forms for the Sixth Form has been extended to **Friday 22nd January 2021**. Click on the following link <http://www.bordgrng.bham.sch.uk/Virtual-Open-Evening-2020> for further details.

## **Sandwell College:**

21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 4.00pm – 7.00pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 11.00am – 1.00pm

Check out their website for the latest updates: [www.sandwell.ac.uk](http://www.sandwell.ac.uk)



## **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.

**Value of the month:** January '**Change**' Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support please use the following link. [Poster](#) and [30 days of change](#).

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

**Health and Wellbeing challenge:** Click on the [link](#) for details of different activities for you to complete ranging from yoga and meditation to colouring and dancing.





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

## Support for families

For many families it can be difficult dealing with the current lockdown, which is why 'From Birmingham with Love' are here to help. Here are some of their partners' most used services and support, which might make life a little bit easier.

- Please click on the '[From Birmingham with Love](#)' leaflet.

## Kooth January 2021 updates

Would like to share their latest resources including their new Kooth FAQ guides for children and young people. Please see below link:

Kooth FAQ - CYP - [VIEW HERE](#)

**Friday 29th January** - Learning to Be and Showing Your True Self  
(For further information, please see attached the January Live Forums Topic Calendar)  
<https://www.kooth.com/>

## Useful websites:

- **Women's Aid:** [womensaid.org.uk](http://womensaid.org.uk)
- **Barnado's:** [barnados.co.uk](http://barnados.co.uk)
- **Mind:** [mind.org.uk](http://mind.org.uk)
- **NSPCC at** [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) or call their national helpline 0808 800 5000.
- **Pause: School website** - [Pause | Hodge Hill Girls' School \(hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk\)](http://Pause | Hodge Hill Girls' School (hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk))
- **Forward Thinking Birmingham** click on link for further support contacts: [FTB](#)

## **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>





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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.**