



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

19th March 2021

Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 19th March – 1st April• Saturday 20th March• Monday 22nd March
• Thursday 1st April• Friday 2nd – 16th April• Monday 19th April• Monday 17th May• Monday 24th May | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mock Examinations Year 10 - 11• World Storytelling Day• Year 8 Parents Evening – Online appointments only.• Reading Test for Year 7 – 10• Non-uniform day for all pupils• Easter Break – school holidays• School re-opens• Year 7 Assessment Week• Year 8 Assessment Week |
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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

Returning to School Safely

Please read the attached letter from Dr J Varney – Director of Public Health [Click here.](#)

This includes the latest information and advice about Coronavirus and how we can best respond to keep our community safe.



School Information

Face Masks

For the foreseeable future all students should wear a face mask when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. Could we therefore ask that all parents and carers ensure that your daughter:

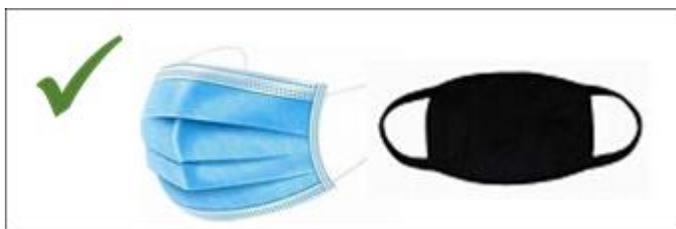




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- Unless medical exempt, arrives at school with a face mask every day.
- Is well practiced in putting the mask on and taking it off safely.
- Carries and wears a face mask that is suitable for school and will not cause offence to others.
- Understands the importance of adhering to the regulations, put in place by the government, regarding wearing face masks, to minimize spreading the virus and so keeping both themselves and others safe.



Free School Meals



Please use the school website if your home circumstances have changed to check to see if your daughter is now eligible for Free School Meals. If you require any support with this process, please contact Reception or email enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk.

GCSE Pod

Individual year group figures are as follows:

Year 7	96%	629 pods; Biology, English Literature and Spanish
Year 8	94%	516 pods; History, English Literature, English Language
Year 9	97%	133 pods; English Literature, English Language, History
Year 10	99%	142 pods; History, Biology, Maths
Year 11	99%	117 pods; Biology, Physics, Chemistry

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

Mock Examinations for Year 10 and 11

Mock exams have now begun for our Year 11s, and for our Year 10s who will be taking mocks in English Literature. Please support your daughter with her preparation for these exams. Pupils have all been provided with a huge range of revision resources to support preparation alongside their class notes; for a number of subjects, online learning platforms such as Hegarty Maths, Tassomai and GCSEPod support the revision process too.

Reading Tests for Year 7 -10 week commencing **Monday 22nd March**. Could all students please bring their headphones during this week.





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Spotlight on Poetry



The reading spotlight this week focuses on Poetry. Poetry by Heart is a fantastic website which is free and available via the Learning Zone on their website www.poetrybyheart.org.uk. Daily and weekly poems, resources and fun activities can be accessed or emailed direct, if you choose to sign up.

Poetry is an integral part of the curriculum. To get our pupils 'GCSE Ready', 15 poems about Power and Conflict are studied from Year 7 onwards. Click on the following links.

- <https://mailchi.mp/poetrybyheart/poem-of-the-week-written-in-march-william-wordsworth>
- <https://mailchi.mp/poetrybyheart/poem-of-the-week-fairy-story-stevie-smith>

Thought for the Week: 'Finance' click on the following link

- <https://vimeo.com/thought4theweek/finance>
- [Secondary presentation](#)

Value of the Month: 'STRENGTH' click to view poster.

World Storytelling Day

Every year on March 20th, World Storytelling Day celebrates the art of oral storytelling. It is also a day for people around the globe to listen and tell stories in as many languages as possible. Here are just a few ideas for ways in which you and your child might enjoy telling stories together: [National Storytelling Week 2021 \(tts-group.co.uk\)](http://tts-group.co.uk)

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)



Spotlight Talks: Inspiring careers excellence - full line up confirmed!
9.00am to 12.00pm on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th March.

If you are not able to watch live, all talks will be available on demand after the event - [register for more information](#).



Careers Marketplace is now open for anyone to visit.

<https://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/marketplace/>

Room 1 College & 6th Forms

Room 2 Training Providers

Room 3 Opportunities

Room 4 Careers Library

Room 5 SEND information

Room 6 Personal Development

Room 7 Activities





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Job of the week in the Health sector: [Health Visitor](#). Click on the word for further details.

Labour Market information (LMI)

Medical Practitioner

Weekly Pay 1,140	Annual Pay 59,280
Hours/Week 34h	Hourly Pay 34

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 **26,300** jobs. In the same period, 53.7% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating **162,500** job openings.

You might find this job in

- Health
- Public admin. & defence
- Membership organisations
- Retail trade
- Education



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](#)
- Birmingham Parent Carer Forum [PDF](#)
- [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/>

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

- Monday 22nd March – Spring'ing into Action
- Wednesday 31st 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 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, 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](#)

