



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

23rd April 2021

Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 26th April• Monday 3rd May
• Saturday 8th May• Monday 17th May
• Monday 24th May | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 10 Parents Evening• May Day – school closed bank holiday• VE Day• Curriculum and Pastoral Governors meeting and Year 7 Assessment Week• Year 8 Assessment Week |
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Year 10 Parents' Evening

Please ensure that appointments have been booked for our virtual Year 10 Parents' Evening on Monday 26th April 2021.

The link is as follows: <https://hhgs.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

It is important that you are checking your School Gateway/emails and the school website for updates from the school.

Face Masks

We continue to expect face coverings to be worn in the school building in line with the latest government guidance. If your daughter has a medical condition and is exempt, then you should contact your daughters pastoral manager. All students should wear a face mask when moving around the premises, such as in corridors, and communal areas and outside of classrooms where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

Free School Meals



Vouchers were emailed before the Easter break to cover the holiday period; these vouchers were issued for all pupils who were eligible on or before 1st April 2021. Please ensure that you redeem the voucher in line with the instructions emailed out; if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact School Reception. We will continue to update you through the bulletin if and when we are informed of any future provision around holiday vouchers for FSM.





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If pupils became Free School Meal-eligible over the Easter holidays, their provision has been automatically activated in school. Please remember that Free School Meal allocations only cover lunchtimes; if your daughter wants to make a purchase at break, you will need to ensure that she has money available through ParentPay. As ever, we would encourage you to check for eligibility for FSM, particularly if personal circumstances have changed, through the link on the school website. Please contact School Reception if you need any support with this.



IN MEMORIAM - A Matter of Life and Death Festival is coming to Birmingham **8th May - 16th May 2021**.

Calling all sewers and knitters to help create flags and other home-made tributes for a commemorative installation and memory trail to remember the thousands who have died from Covid-19 in the UK. Please inform Mrs Walsh if you take part h.walsh@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk

- Click on the following link for more details on how to participate.
<https://www.bigcommunitysew.co.uk/in-memoriam/>



Royal Mail - Enter the Heroes Stamp Design Competition
Honouring the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic... on stamps.
Click on the following link on how to register.

- <https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/>

The closing date for entries is **5pm on Friday 28th May 2021**.

Summer School Opportunity for Year 10 Pupils at University of Birmingham

University of Birmingham is running a Summer School for Year 10 pupils who are wanting to find out more about university education. Details for applying can be found at

- [Year 10 Summer School: Your Future Your Choice](#)

To be eligible to apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be on target to achieve 9-4 in Maths, English and Science GCSEs
- Come from a home where neither parent attended university in the UK or abroad OR is a looked after young person (eligible regardless of meeting any of the other criteria but must have the ability to progress to higher education)

In addition, one or more of these criteria should also be met:





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- Is in receipt of or entitled to Free School Meals or receives Discretionary Learner Support
- Resides in a POLAR 4 Quintile 1 or 2 area (with greater emphasis given to the Quintile 1)
- Is estranged from their parents
- Is a young carer
- Has a disability (and is in receipt of a Personal Independence Payment)
- Has experienced significant extenuating circumstances

The deadline for applications is 30th April.

SEND Briefing Parent Webinar

Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions. Click on the following webinar;

[Occupational Therapy - Fine Motor Moves](#)

Helping your child to do the Small things – Junior school and Secondary school age children
Speakers: Ellie Steer & Janet Tighe- Occupational Therapists
Tuesday 27th April- 10.00am – 11.00am

[Helping your child to do the small things](#)

Early Years and Infant school age children
Speakers: Katie Green & Sarah Gallagher- Occupational Therapists
Wednesday 28th April – 1.00pm – 2.00pm

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

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

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

Free Apprenticeships workshops –

Please find attached an Eventbrite Link for FREE ASK's events. ASK will be running events aimed at Students and Parents in the first week of each month.

In April they have co-hosted events with a current Apprentice working as an electrician, Wilmot Dixon, JCB, four current Apprentices from a variety of backgrounds and West Midlands Police. Please register early as the ticket sales will close a day before the event, these events are free, and a member of the ASK team will send out a calendar invite using Microsoft Team's for each webinar a day before. [Online Workpays Events | Eventbrite](#)





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Please click the link to the EventBrite website, where you can find the registration page for the **ASK Monthly Event – Saturday 24th April at 10am**. A 3 in 1 workshop covering Registration, Boost your Employability and Personal Strengths. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/boost-your-employability-an-employability-skills-workshop-registration-149150100967>

Please let Miss Nazish know if you take part n.nazish@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk



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- 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](#)



Mental Health Awareness Week

Monday 10th - Friday 14th May 2021 with Aston University's Student Recruitment and Outreach Team. To register click on the

following link <https://www.aston.ac.uk/sro>

Job of the week in the Health sector: [Medical Illustrator](#). Click on the word 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.

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

Useful websites:

Educational Psychology - Support wellbeing within your family with the 'Start building resilience' package. Click here for more details. [Flyer](#)

- [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](#)
- Kooth:





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- ✓ Click the link to read the letter to parents/carers - [letter](#)
- ✓ <https://www.kooth.com/> Click the calendar for further information.
- ✓ [Monday 26th April – Looking After Our Communities](#)

- 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 \(hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk\)](#)
- 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](#)

