



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Dates for your Diary 2021

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October</li> <li>• Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Day of Languages</li> <li>• Year 11 Post 16 Evening Event</li> <li>• Start of Black History Month</li> <li>• Breast Cancer Charity</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

#### Twice weekly Covid testing at home for pupils

It is vital for pupils to keep testing at home, twice a week on Sunday and Wednesday.

**Lateral Flow Testing:** Please use the following link to report your [home results](#).

This week year 10 had the best attendance.  
Well done!

### GCSE Pod

We have been able to award lots of positive points this week for GCSEPod usage.

Individual year group figures are as follows:

<b>Year 7</b>	we are currently awarding points for pupils who are activating accounts.
<b>Year 8</b>	393 pods accessed; Maths, English Literature and English Language
<b>Year 9</b>	848 pods; History, English Literature, Creative iMedia
<b>Year 10</b>	133 pods; Combined Science, Geography, Maths
<b>Year 11</b>	123 pods; Maths, English Language, History





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## Maths Homework

- The majority of Maths homework will be set online. All years have access to Hegarty Maths and Year 7 pupils also have access to Maths Whizz.
- All pupils will receive instructions on how to logon by email and they will need the internet to access the programs.
- Weekly tasks will consist of topics currently taught in lessons as well as topics for revision. Each pupil is expected to make notes as they follow the video, copy examples, and show their working out for the quiz questions. Teachers will be checking homework is completed on a weekly basis.
- To encourage all pupils, individuals will receive rewards for their personal efforts and achievements. Weekly leader boards will be shared within lessons.
- Memri is a feature to Hegarty which pupils should be using. It enables pupils to revisit and consolidate their learning and should be used in preparation for assessments, GCSE mocks and the final exam. Pupils are expected to complete a minimum of one Memri task each week. For more information go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XV7Se2cCqPc>

Click on the Power Point presentation for [Hegarty Maths](#)

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



Digital careers inspiration for pupils on: **13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Click on the following link:

[Spotlight Talks: Inspiring careers excellence](#)

Join online for more inspiring careers talks and employer encounters. This time they shine a spotlight on digital skills and careers - register today!





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## College Open Days



**Thursday 30th September 2021 - 4:30pm – 7.00pm**

An Open Day is your chance to see what life is really like as a pupil at South & City College Birmingham. You will be able to take part in taster sessions, speak to our staff and find out more about studying with us. You can also take a tour of our campuses.

Whether you're interested in [apprenticeships](#), [A levels](#), [vocational courses](#) or [adult learning](#), our on-campus Open Days are the perfect place to start.

Our next College Open Day on 30th September will give you the chance to:

- meet our teaching staff
- see the college facilities up close
- explore our campuses, including our University Level Centre
- take part in fun course tasters
- learn about the application process
- speak to pupil support and finance

And if you're not sure which course is right for you, don't worry! Our staff can help you decide which course will suit your needs and interests.

- [Register Now](#)

If you cannot make the **30<sup>th</sup> September Open Day**. Please register below for updates and forthcoming Open Day dates.

- [Register for Open Day Updates](#)





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**Birmingham City University's School of Jewellery** invites you to book a place to view to meet their staff and explore the fantastic facilities available on campus. You'll be able to hear more about their Jewellery courses and meet their academics, technicians and support services, as well as touring the facilities. This event will run **3:00pm-6:00pm on Wednesday 13 October**. Click on the link to book.

- <https://www.bcu.ac.uk/jewellery/news-and-events/open-days>



## Breast Cancer Research Charity Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Hodge Hill Girls School House Captains and House Representatives will be running their first house competition this half term for a good cause. Help make life-Saving research and care happen.

They will be raising money for Breast Cancer Research. To do this they are asking for each house to create their own luxury hamper to raffle off. All donations collected from the raffle ticket sales will be donated to the Breast Cancer Research charity.

To help participate we are asking our pupils to bring in items to put into their house hamper. This can be anything pink (*the colour associated with the charity*) or something that represents their house colour. We are looking for unused and unopened items such as:

- shower gels
- body sprays
- make up
- bath bombs
- nail varnish
- colouring books
- pens and pencils
- chocolates
- hot water bottles
- slippers





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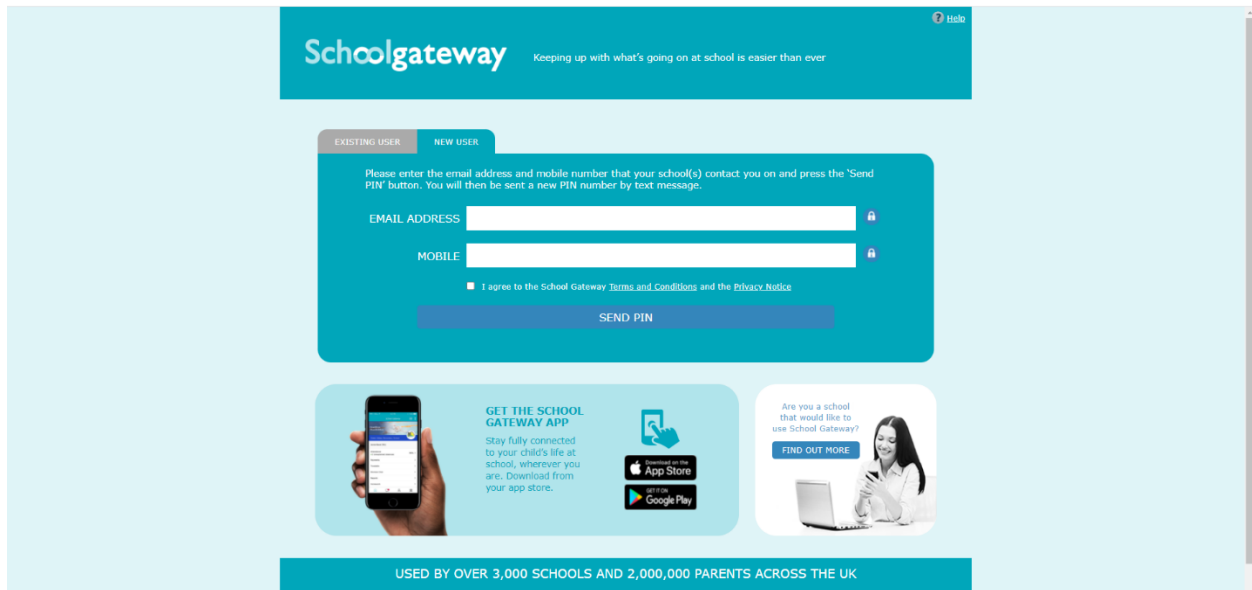
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You can give your items to your House Representative or House Captain. We would like to complete this before October half term so please start bringing things in.

The house that raises the most money from their raffle will win the first house competition as well as raising money for a great charity.

If you have any questions please speak to your House Representative, House Captain or email Mrs. Barron [s.barron@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:s.barron@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk)

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**Schoolgateway** will be our primary mode of communication alongside emails. Therefore, we encourage you to download and regularly check the app to stay informed of important information, updates and advice.

Please note this only works for priority 1 parents/carers. If you need to update your details please contact your Pastoral Manager.

**ParentPay** can you please ensure that your account is activated any queries please contact school reception [enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk)







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