



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

25th June 2021

Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 28th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 7 Parents Evening – onlineYear 10 Virtual Work ExperienceCurriculum and Pastoral Governors Meeting. |
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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

If your daughter tests positive for COVID-19, outside of school hours, you must inform the school with your daughter's full name, date of birth and current contact details by using the following email address:

- covid-alert@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk

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 links below.

Week commencing [28th June](#)

[Testing @ home easy reading guide](#)

Year 7 Parents' Evening

A link has been sent to Year 7 parents/carers via School Gateway for Year 7 Parents' Evening; please make sure you are booking appointments for this. If you have any questions, please contact the school.





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ART: V & A The Platinum Jubilee emblem competition

Would you like to see your artwork on posters, flags and big screens across the country? The Royal Household in partnership with the V&A is inviting young people aged 13 – 25 to design an emblem for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

Here is a link for the competition the deadline is **Friday 16th July**.

- <https://www.vam.ac.uk/info/the-platinum-jubilee-emblem-competition>

Bethel Free Listening Skills Training for parents

- Would you like a better relationship with your child, friends and family?
- Learn new skills to help you back into work?

Click on the following flyer for more details on hope to enroll [Bethel free training flyer](#)

Big Bang Competition

A competition has been launched for the Big Bang Fair which is being viewed in a Science lesson over the next 3 days. Please see the attached [PowerPoint](#) with details of how to enter.

Deadline: Wednesday 30th June 2021.

Cyberfirst Courses

Year 10 and 11 pupils with an interest in technology and/or computer science are encouraged to visit <https://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/cyberfirst> where there are details of some fantastic free online courses over the summer holidays.

GCSE Pod

The school is in 5th place in the national league with an average of 44.37 pods having been watched per KS4 pupil since 1st March; 1702 pods have been watched over the last week with pupils accessing over 100 pods in each of History, English Literature, RS and Maths. We have doubled our usage for last year already.

Individual year group figures are as follows:

Year 7	825 pods accessed; English Literature, RS and Geography
Year 8	471 pods; History, English Literature, Creative iMedia
Year 9	69 pods; Maths, English Literature, Combined Science/Study Smart
Year 10	337 pods; Maths, History, Chemistry

Lexia Reminder: If your daughter has log in details to **Lexia** she should be encouraged at home to log on for at least **1 hour per week** to improve their literacy needs. She can log on via the school website by clicking on the pupil portal and scrolling down.





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Newly Arrived Pupils (NAP)

Learn English with a global community of expert British Council teachers live, online, interactive classes. Choose your own timetable. Study in small-group classes or choose one-to-one private lessons. Receive British Council certificates when completing each theme.

- [English Online: 100% online teacher-led course | British Council](#)

Summer Literacy Challenge!

It's always a challenge to keep children reading and writing all summer. We have put together a summer literacy challenge for you and your child. Pick one thing a week to kick start your week's literacy adventures.

- **Investigate your public library's summer reading program**
- **Extend your reading circle.** Consider fantasy or science fiction, historical fiction, poetry, biography, or an informational book.
- **Listen up!** Many libraries have audiobooks available for check out, and an Internet search can turn up several sites, including [Speakaboos.com](#), that offer free audio books for children.
- **Visit a museum, online!** You'll be surprised by how much you can explore without leaving your house. One example is the [Smithsonian Institution Kids](#) site.
- **Point, shoot, and write.** Snap some photos and then encourage your child to write a caption for each photo.
- **Write it down.** Encourage your child to keep a simple journal or summer diary.

Year 10 virtual Work Experience

This is a reminder for all Year 10 students who will be taking part in virtual work experience week from 28th June - 2nd July. You will be given your own personal timetable on Monday morning, so you know what you will be doing for each lesson.

If you have any questions, please email n.nazish@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk

Thought for the Week: Humanist

Value of the Month: Selflessness

Job of the week in the health sector: Radiographer





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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.

Useful websites:

- [Action for children](#)
- Barnado's: [Believe in children | Children's charity | Barnardo's](#)
- [Child Bereavement UK](#)
- [Child Line](#)
- Kooth: <https://www.kooth.com/>
- 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?

- Parents
- Teachers
- Friends
- Police
- Online web report button
- [Preventing bullying including cyberbullying for parents/carers](#)
- [Keeping your child safe online](#)

