



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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## Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March</b></li><li>• <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b></li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Careers Week</li><li>• Bringing Stories to Life – Competition ends</li></ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March</b></li><li>• <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• STEAM Week</li><li>• Mother's Day</li></ul>   |

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



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **Schools wider re-opening from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

For your daughter to receive a COVID test when school re-opens week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March, please complete the consent form by clicking the link below:

- [COVID Testing - Consent Form - Pupils](#)

Deadline for completing the Consent form is **Wednesday 3rd March**.

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

## School Information



### **Free School Meals**

Vouchers for this week and next week have been ordered; this week's vouchers should have arrived by email on Tuesday. As ever, if you have any FSM questions, please contact us on [enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk)





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We are at the point now where some of the vouchers issued in January are expiring; the Edenred e-codes are valid for 1 month; please make sure you are redeeming them before they expire.

## Examinations

- Year 10 (English Literature) and Year 11 second mock exams will commence on 19th March for two weeks.
- The reading test for Year 7 – Year 10 will start on Monday 22nd March 2021.

## GCSE Pod

Pupils have accessed 3001 pods over the last fortnight with History, English Literature and Biology the most accessed subjects. We were amongst the ten highest using schools across the whole country again for the week before half-term and remain in third place out of 114 schools of our size in our region since 1st November.

Individual year group figures are as follows:

<b>Year 7</b>	94%	1283 pods English Literature, Biology and History
<b>Year 8</b>	94%	408 pods; History, English Literature, English Language
<b>Year 9</b>	96%	221 pods; English Literature, DT, English Language
<b>Year 10</b>	99%	359 pods; Physics, Biology, History
<b>Year 11</b>	99%	730 pods; History, Combined Science, Biology

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

## Hegarty Maths

Congratulations to the following students receiving awards for Hegarty Maths last half term.

**Year 7** - Nadira K, Tasnim S, Bisma H

**Year 8** - Aniq M, Asiya S, Alayna B, Ana C, Chaima H, Amina R

**Year 9** - Nadia A, Malak M, Amna M, Alisha A M, Humiya M

**Year 10** - Aisha T, Amber A, Haajirah S, Samrah A, Malaika Y

**Year 11** - Ribqah M, Maariya A, Eesha Z, Umaiza A

Students completed **2234** hours of Hegarty Maths as part of their work last half term and answered **86,866** questions.

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

**Urdu writing competition:** All entries to be submitted by midnight on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. Click [here](#) for further details on how to enter.





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### Flash Academy Assessment

Your daughter's digital online assessment has been set on Flash Academy for this academic term which she will need to complete by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March**.



### Guidance on returning to school for learners using EAL

This guide includes information on some of the changes that children might see when they go back to school, as well as tips on what to do if they are feeling worried or nervous. Click on the following languages for easy-to-understand

guides.

- [English](#)
- [Urdu](#)
- [Bengali](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Italian](#)
- [Romanian](#)
- [Turkish](#)
- [Somali](#)



**Newly Arrived Review Meetings** will be held virtually online from **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**. You will be able to make an appointment with Mrs Arshad and Miss Mullins to see how they are progressing with their learning. Appointments can be made from **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021** and will close on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**March 2021 at 5.00pm**. To book an appointment, please visit <http://hhgs.schoolcloud.co.uk/> or click on the parent tab found on the homepage of the school website.

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



It is National Careers Week from **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March**, please continue to check your emails and ClassCharts announcements for links and resources. Start thinking about what kind of career path you would like to take once you leave school. For further advice please contact your careers lead by email [n.nazish@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:n.nazish@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk)

Please find below resources and links for activities for National Careers

Week.





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Please email [n.nazish@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:n.nazish@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) your full name, form and the activity/activities you have done. Your name will be placed into a draw the more activities you do, the more chances you have of winning a prize. There will be a small prize for each year group. All pupils taking part will receive reward points.

Completing these activities will look great when applying for colleges, universities and other Post-16 providers.

National Careers Week Virtual Careers Fair (all week)  
[www.ncw2021.co.uk](http://www.ncw2021.co.uk)

Parents' guide to National Careers Week  
<file:///C:/Users/n.nazish/Downloads/the-parents-guide-to-national-careers-week-2021.pdf>

Learn to work  
Our partner work experience company will be providing lots of resources and links to activities, keep an eye on your emails

Family Careers Treasure Hunt  
[file:///C:/Users/n.nazish/Downloads/activity-3\\_family-careers-treasure-hunt.pdf](file:///C:/Users/n.nazish/Downloads/activity-3_family-careers-treasure-hunt.pdf)

Career Pilot  
Expert Careers information and Guidance  
<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>

Employability skills sheet in planners  
Please complete the skills sheet in the back of your planners, giving an example of each employability skill e.g., Communication- class presentation.

iCould  
See all the different jobs you could go into depending on which subjects you choose.  
<https://icould.com/explore/#subject>

Guess the job activity  
<https://www.theaspireacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Guess-my-Job-KS3-Activity.pdf>

Birmingham Careers Service virtual careers event (Wednesday all day)  
Different Careers workshops all day.  
<https://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/my-choices-careers-event/>

Pathways to STEM (Wednesday 10.30-11.30)  
A virtual interactive session which will feature a panel of STEM employers talking about their job roles, different pathways into STEM and the skills they have developed along the way.





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<https://www.inspiringthefuture.org/pathways-into-stem-live-career-chats/>

Parent event (Wednesday 7-8pm) How to break into certain Careers

- [InvestIn Parent Event Series](#)

Medical Mavericks (Thursday 1-1.45)

Senses Show. You will need one or two bits and pieces like a mirror and a mobile. It also works best if someone is with you like a parent or sibling.

<https://vimeo.com/515362088/0f5179daf9>

Sandwell College (Thursday 4-7pm)

Online open day

<https://www.sandwell.ac.uk/>

T Levels Information Evening for parents and pupils (Thursday evening)

T levels Walsall College

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HrqSRszhNZI&list=PLJBjbuSCWOOb70WFimLfCjOf2mkCgiAbER>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWk3jIJNL0o&list=PLJBjbuSCWOOb70WFimLfCjOf2mkCgiAbER&index=7>

T Levels University college Birmingham

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPyz0KbPwCo&feature=youtu.be>

British Army (Friday 11.30-12.30)

Learn about Careers within the Army

[https://events-](https://events-emea3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/3956621110/en/events/event/shared/default_template_simple/event_registration.html?sco-id=4729432670)

[emea3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/3956621110/en/events/event/shared/default\\_template\\_simple/event\\_registration.html?sco-id=4729432670](https://events-emea3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/3956621110/en/events/event/shared/default_template_simple/event_registration.html?sco-id=4729432670)

**My Choices at 16+:** A virtual careers event for young people on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Please click [here](#) for further details.



**Apply Now for Opportunities at Top Companies**

Success at School have put together the latest school/college leaver jobs and apprenticeships at leading employers across the UK.

[View all jobs on Success at School](#)





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## WE'RE HIRING APPRENTICES!



We are seeking driven and committed Apprentices who we believe are the future of our business in years to come. We are looking for candidates that can demonstrate enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. You will have a clear plan around your development and our award winning Apprenticeship Scheme has proved time and time again that developing our next generation of future Tradespeople is imperative to our growth plans.

Sound like you? If you are looking to kick start your career with a leading Property Solutions Provider and would like to become a Fortem Apprentice, we would love to hear from you.

### APPLY NOW!

-  Email [recruitment@fortem.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@fortem.co.uk)
-  Call 01462 446220
-  Apply via [www.fortem.co.uk/opportunities](http://www.fortem.co.uk/opportunities)

We're currently recruiting for apprentices in the following areas:

#### BIRMINGHAM

- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Gas Engineering
- Roofing

#### YORKSHIRE/DERBYSHIRE

- Carpentry
- Electrical

#### MANCHESTER

- Carpentry
- Electrical

#### STRATFORD UPON AVON

- Carpentry
- Bricklaying
- Plastering
- Roofing

#### SURREY

- Carpentry
- Roofing
- Painting & Decorating

#### SOUTH WEST

- Carpentry
- Electrical

The closing date for applications is Friday 19th March 2021 and assessment centres will run in April.



Many of our pupils may wish to participate in some of the fantastic opportunities below:

### WEEK STARTING MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> March 10-11am	Andrew Bernard, Director, National Careers Week & Director, Innovative Enterprise for KS 4-5/ S4-6	This week is National Careers Week (1st-6th March) and we are delighted to welcome Andrew 'Bernie' Bernard, a TEDx Speaker, Director of







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<p><a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a></p>		<p>Innovative Enterprise and National Careers Week, Entrepreneur and Fellow of Professional Speaking Association. Bernie has, since 2006, worked with schools, businesses, charities, universities and colleges to help over 145,000 young people Bring the Future to Life through enterprise and careers workshops. Bernie will be sharing his story about becoming an accidental entrepreneur and will be answering your questions.</p>
<p>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> March 2-3pm</p> <p><a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a></p>	<p>Nick Ross, Broadcaster and Former Crimewatch Presenter for KS 4-5/ S4-6</p>	<p>Nick was for many years one of Britain's most-trusted broadcasters and is now a writer, non-executive director, conference moderator and campaigner for community safety and evidence-based public policy. He became a household name in the UK launching breakfast TV, Watchdog and Crimewatch. He has written and directed award-winning documentaries. He retired from full-time broadcasting in 2010 to focus on conferences and voluntary work but still contributes to radio and TV. Nick will be speaking about his career journey, crime and is looking forward to answering your questions.</p>
<p>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> March 5-6pm</p> <p><a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a></p>	<p>Experience Nursing</p> <p>Patrick Nyarumbu, Director of Strategy, People and Partnerships, Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust for KS 4-5/ S4-6</p>	<p>Speakers for Schools are delighted to welcome Executive Director of Strategy, People &amp; Partnerships, Birmingham &amp; Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust, Patrick Nyarumbu for an Experience Nursing Broadcast. Students will have the opportunity to hear from Patrick on their career to date, the skills and qualities needed for a career in Nursing as well as submit their own questions for Patrick.</p>
<p>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2-3pm</p> <p><a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a></p>	<p>Pavita Cooper, Founder, More Difference for KS 4-5/ S4-6</p>	<p>Pavita is the founder of More Difference, a talent and career insight business that works with organisations and individuals to accelerate talent, Pavita is recognised as a leading talent and diversity expert; she has over 25 years' experience as an executive talent leader across a range of multi-sector global blue-chip organisations, including Shell, Barclays and Lloyds Banking Group. Pavita has acted as an advisor to CEOs, executive teams and business leaders across sectors that include financial services, energy, consumer, professional services and luxury goods. Pavita will speaking about her career journey and is looking forward to answering your questions.</p>
<p>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> March 5-6pm</p> <p><a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a></p>	<p>Ella d'Amato, Chief Commercial &amp; Partner Officer, Not on the High Street for KS3-5/ S1-6</p>	<p>Join us for a broadcast with Ella d'Amato, Chief Commercial &amp; Marketing Officer, Not on the High Street. Ella was previously the CEO of Drum and is now responsible for making Not on the High Street the most attractive place to work, partner with and buy from. Ella will be talking about what makes a great product and will be providing advice</p>





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		for those who are interested in pursuing a career in marketing.
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 10-11am  <a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a>	Kajal Odedra, UK Director, Change.org KS3-5/ S1-6	We are going to be joined by Kajal Odedra, a writer and activist, with over 13 years' experience in the campaigns sector. As Executive Director for Change.org UK, the largest petition platform, she has grown the platform to over 19 million users in the UK. After identifying a diversity problem in the UK campaigns sector, she founded the People of Colour in Campaigns network. She is on the board for Save The Children UK and Ada's List. Kajal will be sharing her career journey and highlights and is looking forward to answering your questions.
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 5-6pm  <a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a>	Jimmy Worrall, Founder and CEO, Leaders in Sport for KS 4-5/ S4-6	Join us for a live Broadcast with James Worrall, Founder and CEO of Leaders in Sport, a London based internationally focused conference, training and intelligence service for industry leaders in sport. Prior to starting Leaders James held various senior roles in sport with ENIC (owners of Vicenza, Basel, AEK Athens, Slavia Prague), Bristol City FC and the Football Association. James will be sharing his experiences with Leaders in Sport and discussing the importance of networking and building relationships.
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2-3pm  <a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a>	Mandisa Greene, President, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons for KS3/ S1 - 3	Join us here for a broadcast with Mandisa Greene, President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. She started her career working in a small animal practice in Scotland but moved to the West Midlands where she has worked both in general and emergency small animal practice. Mandisa is passionate about increasing diversity in Veterinary Medicine. Mandisa has worked for Harper Adams University as a lecturer in Veterinary Sciences educating both students and qualified veterinary nurses. Mandisa will be presenting on her journey to becoming President of RCVS and will be answering your questions about veterinary science and medicine.
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> March 5-6pm  <a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a>	Nalan Dodgson, Director of Talent Acquisition, Burberry for KS 4-5/ S4-6	We are looking forward to welcoming Nalan Dodgson, Director of Talent Acquisition at Burberry. Before working at Burberry, Nalan was the Resourcing Manager at Harrods. Nalan will be sharing insights into her career and will be providing advice on how to stand out during the recruitment process.
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> March 10-11am  <a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a>	Katie Vanneck Smith, Co-Founder and Publisher, Tortoise Media for KS 4-5/ S4-6	We are looking forward to hosting a broadcast with Katie Vanneck-Smith, Co-founder and Publisher at Tortoise. Katie was President of The Wall Street Journal & Dow Jones, where she led the company to over 3m subscribers. She has previously worked at the Telegraph Media Group and The Times, where, as Chief Marketing Officer, she was the architect of the newspaper's early move to paid digital subscriptions. She created the UK's first







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news membership brand, Times+. She was named Pioneer of the Year at the British Media Awards. Katie will be sharing her pathway to success and reflecting on what she has learnt during her career. Katie will also be answering your questions.

## 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](#)



## 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:

### Support for families

#### **Virtual School Nurse Drop-in (Secondary Pupils)**

The virtual school nurse drop-in is on offer to all secondary school age children. Every Tuesday and Thursday 4.30-5.30pm (all year round). This can be accessed via the link <https://nhs.vc/BCHC/C-F/Schl-Nurse/Drop-In>.

[Please visit this link for updated referral form and further information.](#)

#### Useful websites:

- [Child Bereavement UK](#)
- [Muslim Youth Helpline](#)

## **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.





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These resources will support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:

- [Thinkuknow](#) by the National Crime Agency - Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (NCA-CEOP) - resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online
- [Childnet](#) has developed [guidance for parents and carers](#) to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as [guidance on keeping under-fives safe online](#)
- [Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP - support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations
- National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) - [guidance for parents and carers](#) to help keep children safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also [report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Inclusive Digital Safety Hub](#) and [Online Safety Hub](#), created by South West Grid for Learning in partnership with Internet Matters - support and tailored advice for young people with additional learning needs and their parents or carers
- [Parents' Guide to Age Ratings](#) explains how the British Board of Film Classification rates content, and gives parents advice on choosing online content well

Where can I go to report something, I am not happy with?

- Parents
- Teachers
- Friends
- Police
- Online web report button

