



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

26th June 2020

Important Dates for your Diary

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 30th June• Friday 17th July | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free online event for Year 11• Generation Lockdown writing competition |
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CHECK SCHOOL GATEWAY AND SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES

- **Have your contact details changed?**
- **Have your daughter's medical or dietary information changed?**

Please let us know if there have been any recent changes. Email us on enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk or phone the school reception on the main number to let us know. We will contact you if we require further information on this.

FSM update

As we have advised previously, Free School Meals vouchers will now be provided by the DFE for the summer holiday period. Edenred, the company who issue the vouchers, have informed us that the voucher must be delivered before the end of the school term. We plan to order one £90 voucher – to cover the duration of the holiday period - per eligible pupil and for this to be emailed to the registered email address from Tuesday 14th July. Edenred have advised as follows:

- Vouchers do not have to be redeemed in a single shopping trip – they can be used repeatedly until the voucher's balance reaches £0. To check how much money is left on the eGift card, families can ask the supermarket's customer services team when in store.
- Healthy Eating: When using the vouchers, families are free to select the most appropriate food and drink for their child. We encourage families to consider making choices that contribute to a healthy balanced diet. The school food standards may act as a useful guide. There are also a number of ideas and tips available online to support families in preparing healthy meals, including the Change4life recipes and NHS Eat Well website

If you would prefer to receive summer holiday FSM vouchers in smaller amounts, please email enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk by **3pm Thursday 9th July** and we will contact you to discuss. Please note that Edenred have said that all vouchers must be delivered by 14th August.

We would urge any families whose circumstances have changed to complete the online form on the school website to see if their daughter is now eligible for free school meals.

Further details about Year 11s and Free School Meals will follow next week.



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School Provision

This is just a reminder Hodge Hill Girls School is still open to students if you require childcare during the school closure. In line with government guidance, you must meet one of the following criteria to access this provision:

- Families where **all** adults in the household are Critical workers, they are required in work during school hours and the children are **not** old enough to take care of themselves. In line with the guidance we will be asking parents to provide evidence that they are key workers providing their services at the time that childcare provision is being requested.
- EHCP students if required
- Children who would be considered vulnerable due to Social services involvement.

If you require provision please can you email the school, giving at least **48 hours' notice** to provision being required so we can ensure adequate staffing is on site.

If you require additional support to that offered above, you can phone reception or you can contact the school office via the following email enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk.

- **Value of the month – 'Selflessness'** Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support please use the following link. [Poster link](#). Please look at the following website & see how you can make links to selflessness- and try to see how many you can read through, work on this week. Please feel free to share these with your family & friends.
- **Thought for the week: 'Leadership'** see [PowerPoint presentation](#) and [video](#).
- **The First News Magazine:** Please see the link for this week's edition. [Click here](#). Your question this week is:
 - *How many satellites does Elon Musk's SpaceX company plan to launch into the atmosphere?*
- **The Week Junior:** [Click link](#). Your question this week is:
 - *Which American man had the idea of creating drive-in cinemas in the mid-20th century?*

Miss Middlehurst will award a positive point on ClassCharts for all pupils who email her with the correct answers.

Additional Resources: We will look to share with you some additional sites that may be useful each week. There are so many wonderful websites to assist learning at home.

Don't forget that information on accessing online learning platforms used by the school can be found by visiting <https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/parents/supporting-your-daughter-learning> on our school website.



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Year 11: Leaving school moving forward? Click on the following leaflet for a free online event for parents to help with many questions you may have for your daughter's future learning. The event will take place on Tuesday 30th June 2020 – 12:00-13:30pm via Microsoft Teams. [Click here to book.](#)

STEM Week: This is a free online event featuring challenges, careers talks, webinars and much more. Each day they will cover a different area of sustainability, clean air, water and sanitation, sustainable energy, sustainable food, sustainable materials, and construction. Please click on the link to see the timetable for this week [STEM](#)



Careers in Accountancy, Banking and Finance

There are loads of amazing opportunities for students - whether you are a school leaver or planning on going to university. To read the newsletter click on the following link [here](#). Once you have read the newsletter please [complete this worksheet](#) to apply what you have learnt to your own future career path.

Year 11 Careers: Pupils in Year 11 can continue to work on their Careers Education. Please ensure you have completed your STEPs Career Booklet and make sure you are taking advantage of the Kudos website, if you are having any problems with logging on, please email Ms Nazish. You can also access resources on the schools X drive, students should check their emails for direct access for careers resources. There are several websites which are streaming live talks of different speakers talking about their careers, some of which include a polar explorer, author, business entrepreneur, professional footballer, TV host and many more.

The links are as follows.

- <https://learn.springpod.co.uk/> (Register for each talk and then watch live)
- <https://icould.com/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers> (New career every week)

Oak National Academy had a 'my week of work' focussing on skills gained during work experience, this would be useful for pupils to revisit these skills and listen to real employers from the world of work, see links below:

- <https://classroom.thenational.academy/year-groups/year-10/work-experience>
- <https://learnliveuk.com/>

Aim Higher are still providing a jam-packed timetable of virtual events and resources. Click below to see the calendar and click to book. There is also information for parents on introduction into higher education.



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- <https://aimhigherwm.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Aimhigher-Virtual-Events-Calendar-Summer-2020.pdf>

Find below the link for speakers for 'Schools Virtual Talks'. There are many different employers talking about their own experiences in the world of work.

- <https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/upcoming-vtalks/>

Click on the link below to a website which includes dates to all local Colleges and Universities open days, many of these are virtual open days.

- <https://www.opendays.com/search/>

Barclays Life skills is an excellent website full of a range of resources, looking at workplace skills, wellbeing, CV writing and interview skills. Please click on the link to see the website

- <https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/>

Register to access more resources, including videos and applying for virtual work experience.

Get creative:

Generation Lockdown Writing Competition: A writing competition for ages 7-17 sharing stories of life in lockdown. You have until midnight on Friday 17th July. They will be judged by published authors and the winners will be published in a book. Click on the link for further details <https://generationlockdown.co.uk/>

National Writing Day: have launched a simple writing challenge. Can you write a 24-word story on a piece of paper starting with 'One day...' Send your story to the school email with the heading PACT in the subject.

- enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk

The Smallpeice Trust: This week's activity from the Smallpeice Trust is to construct a viaduct; please [click here](#) to watch the instructional video and [click here](#) to see written instructions which explain how to make your aqueduct.

RSPCA: #30 Days for Animals: Kids bored? Get stuck into a 30-Day Animal Challenge, having fun, getting creative and soaking up knowledge about the amazing animal kingdom along the way. <https://www.rspca.org.uk/30daysforanimals>



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Safeguarding and Wellbeing

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.



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Youth Sport Trust: have been developing a series of resources to help parents and schools in using PE, Sport and Physical Activity during COVID-19. For parents there are wealth of resources to support activity at home and videos that can be used to support emotional health and well-being recorded by a team of Athlete Mentors that use the power of sport to effectively manage emotions. [Youth Sports](#)

Active Wellbeing Society: If families need support with clothing at this time, please contact the school on enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk to let us know and we will get back in touch with you; we will then work with the Active Wellbeing Society to provide support where possible. [Wear and Share flyer](#)

UNICEF and Parenting for Lifelong Health: are supporting 24/7 Covid19 parenting tips and activities resource pack developed by Parenting for Lifelong Health. Amazingly the resources are now available over 100 languages. Click on the following link for more details.

- o <https://www.covid19parenting.com/>

Autism Hour Event: An opportunity for families to come together on Sunday 28th June. click on the link for booking. [Autism Hour - Eventbrite](#)

30-Day Wellbeing Tasks: Click on the following link to download the tasks. [30-Day link](#)

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As you will be aware through news coverage the Government is frequently updating their response to the global issue of Coronavirus. Keep up to date and follow the latest guidance during this period at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

- Keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- Wash your hands regularly
- Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.



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- Follow the guidance on safer travelling on public transport.

Staying Safe Online:

Parents and carers may wish to visit <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/presentations-for-parents/> for videos and further ideas on how to keep children safe online.

Further guidance on staying safe online can be found on our website at this link <https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/parents/online-safety>

Stay Alert and Stay Safe