



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

30th April 2021

Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 3rd MayWednesday 5th MaySaturday 8th May12th/13th or 14th May (TBC)Monday 17th May
Monday 24th MayMonday 31st May – 4th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">May Day – school closed bank holidayYear 10 Mock InterviewsVE DayEIDCurriculum and Pastoral Governors meeting and Year 7 Assessment WeekYear 8 Assessment WeekMay Half-Term Week – School closed |
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Lateral Flow Testing (LFT)

About this test

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 results for w/c 3rd May click on the following link [LFT](#)

[Testing @ home easy reading guide](#)

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

The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England has launched a consultation with children aged 4-17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future. Pupils are encouraged to complete the following [Survey Link](#)

Parents, care leaders and those working with children are also invited to complete the adult survey to share their views about the future for children and young people today. Please complete the following [Adult Survey link](#)





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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, communal areas and outside of classrooms where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

Free School Meals



May half-term

Birmingham City Council have confirmed that funding has been received from the government for supermarket vouchers for pupils eligible for Free School Meals to cover the one-week May half-term holiday. We anticipate that this will run along the same lines as the Easter holiday vouchers and will update you further when we know more about when the vouchers will be made available to schools and when we will be able to distribute these to eligible pupils. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions around Free School Meals' provision.

GCSE Pod

916 pods have been watched over the last week with History, English Literature and Geography the most accessed subjects in the school. We are in 5th place in the national league.

Individual year group figures are as follows:

Year 7	96%	208 pods watched; Geography, English Literature and Biology
Year 8	94%	470 pods; History, Chemistry, Maths
Year 9	97%	21 pods; English Literature, Chemistry
Year 10	99%	208 pods; English Literature, Maths, History
Year 11	99%	9 pods; Geography, History

Thought for the Week: Spontaneity

Value of the Month: Optimism





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Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)



The Smallpeice Trust 2021 Summer Engineering online courses enable young people to find out more about different engineering careers, get hands on with interactive projects and learn live from industry experts and academics.

Year 10 Physics in Engineering (**Girls Only**) online course see [flyer](#)

WHEN	WHERE	COST
26 July - 29 July 2021 Start time: 09:30 hours Finish time: 16:00 hours	Delivery by University of Birmingham with any kit sent in advance via post.	FREE for girls attending a non-selective state school.

Sandwell College Open Event is taking place on **Thursday 29th April** from 4.00pm-7.00pm and will be taking place virtually, you can register via the link

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

Job of the week in the Health sector: [Microbiologist](#)



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](#)
- Barnardo's: [Believe in children](#) | [Children's charity](#) | [Barnardo's](#)





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- [Child Bereavement UK](#)
- [Child Line](#)
- Forward Thinking Birmingham click on link for further support contacts: [FTB](#)
- 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, 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](#)

