



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021</li><li>• Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021</li><li>• Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021</li><li>• Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January</li><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 9 Options Evening – virtual</li><li>• Year 9 Parents Evening - virtual</li><li>• International Day of Education</li><li>• Holocaust Memorial Day</li><li>• Children's Mental Health Week</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 Headteacher.**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Pupil access to ClassCharts

All pupils should be accessing their remote learning through ClassCharts via their **pupil login**; pupils should contact their Pastoral Manager if there is a problem with their login.

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

## School Information

### **Free School Meals:**

1. Please contact the school on [enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) if your daughter is eligible for Free School Meals and you would like a food parcel for her; please make sure you include your daughter's name in the email and we will contact you to arrange collection.
2. We have contacted parents who received vouchers at October half-term and over the Christmas holiday where vouchers have **NOT** yet been redeemed; please do make sure that you redeem the vouchers before the expiry date as we are unable to extend the





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dates. If there are any further queries around this, please contact school on [enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk).

3. If your personal circumstances have changed and you think that your daughter may now be eligible for Free School Meals, please complete the form on the school website, or contact the school on [enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) for support.
- Click on the presentation on how to apply [FSM PowerPoint presentation](#)
  - Online application form <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

## School Gateway:

All school related **communications** go through School Gateway. It is the central hub of information for our parents. To stay up to date with what is going on at school you must download the 'School Gateway' app for free from your app store. You will be alerted by School Gateway to check your emails for updates.

**Results for GCSE English Language & Mathematics:** will be emailed to external students on Thursday 14th January 2021.



**Positive Points Rewards System** – While working from home we will continue to use the rewards for positive work and effort. Click on the following link to see how you can gain your gold certificate. [Here](#)

**GCSE Pod:** Pupils have been busy on GCSE Pod over the holiday period, and we are in 4<sup>th</sup> position out of 112 for usage since 1<sup>st</sup> November for schools of our size in our region; an average of 27.7 pods has been watched per KS4 pupil in this period. Between 13<sup>th</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> January, our pupils accessed a total of 3063 pods with History, English Literature and RS the most accessed subjects across the whole school.

Individual year group figures are as follows:

<b>Year 7</b>	<b>85%</b>	1225 pods accessed; Biology, English Literature and History are the most accessed subjects
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>87%</b>	267 pods; English Literature, Maths
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>95%</b>	904 pods; RS, English Literature, Texts for Drama
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>99%</b>	501 pods; History, English Literature, Maths
<b>Year 11</b>	<b>99%</b>	158 pods; History, RS, Spanish





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## Hegarty Maths

Well done to all of you for the effort you made last half-term and Miss Ainge was especially impressed by the fact that over 200 of you did Hegarty in the holidays.

- Click on the [leader boards](#) for this half-term.

## SEND Department

Reminder: newly arrived pupils should be accessing and using Flash Academy on a weekly basis.

Starting in January 2021, **EdTech** will be revealing their Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) support hub. The following link has been added to our website to support remote learning pupils with SEN. This link shows parents and pupils how to access many different features on a variety of technology, such as laptops, tablets, mobile devices. It shows them how to change visual options, such as adding tints to screens to support those pupils with dyslexia.

- How to add text to speech - to support the reading of information.
- How to use dictation- using your voice to write information.

Click on the following link for more details. <https://hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/misc/senresources>

**Value of the month:** January 'Change' Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support please use the following link. [Poster](#) and [30 days of change](#).

**Art Department:** A wonderful opportunity from **Make Bank** for pupils wanting to pursue a career in the creative industries to receive free equipment. The Make Bank work with schools and young people across the UK to help provide materials, support and inspiration for pupils who want to follow creative careers.

If this sounds like you then please complete the application form and send it to your Art and Design teacher for completion. See ClassCharts or Make Bank website for examples of the kits. <https://www.themakebank.org.uk/>

## (CEIAG)



**Speakers for Schools** will be offering a number of live broadcasts, designed to inspire and motivate. If pupils take part in this, they should complete [Student Activity Sheet for Teachers](#)





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and email it back to Miss Middlehurst (You may need to request a copy via email). These are fantastic opportunities to carry on developing our learning further and beyond the classroom.

## WEEK STARTING 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> January 5- 6pm</b>  <a href="#">LINK TO TALK</a>	<b>Shai Weiss, CEO, Virgin Atlantic Airways for KS3-5/ S1-6</b>  Speaker bio <a href="#">here.</a>	Join us to hear Shai Weiss share insights into his own career journey and discuss how he became CEO of Virgin Atlantic. Shai will focus on the importance teamwork, resilience and maintaining mental clarity during difficult times.

## 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](#)

## Speakers for Schools Work Experiences 2021 - virtual

For more options and a full list of placements - [sign in here to search and apply.](#)

Institute	Details
<b>An insight to Tourism with Visit Britain/Visit England</b> Learn more about Visit Britain/Visit England and how they work to build Britain's tourism product and develop the visitor economy.	<b>Insight Days:</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> February or 19 <sup>th</sup> February Eligibility: 14+ Application Deadline: <b>15<sup>th</sup> Jan – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>  <b>Three Day Placement:</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> February 10:00am -15:00pm Eligibility: 16+ Application Deadline: <b>17<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>
<b>Devan`s House - Property Services (Morgan Sindall)</b> Are looking for enthusiastic students who are keen to work as part of a team to design, plan and create a	<b>Date:</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 Time: 9:00am -15:30pm Eligibility: 14+ Application Deadline: <b>29<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>





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<p>space for a person with disabilities and mobility issues.</p>	
<p><b>Introduction to Pathology - The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust</b></p>	<p><b>Date: 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>          Eligibility: 16+, Wolverhampton and surrounding area schools          Application Deadline: <b>22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021</b></p>
<p><b>ST EMpowered Women Working in the Water Industry</b>          Join them on insight day where you will hear more about their culture and environment from female apprentices, engineers, technologists and those in operational roles, including their Business Leadership Programme.</p>	<p><b>Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>          Eligibility: 16+ Wolverhampton and surrounding area schools          Application Deadline: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021</p>
<p><b>Royal Air Force (RAF) Careers</b>          Insight Day - Ranging from Aviation, Engineering and Medicine to Logistics and Hospitality - over 50 careers available through the RAF and 23 Apprenticeships available.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> March</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> March</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> March</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> March</li> </ul> <p>Time: 10:00am – 15:00pm          Eligibility: 15+          Application Deadline: <b>29<sup>th</sup> Jan – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021.</b></p>
<p><b>BRINGING CONSTRUCTION TO YOU! - Robertson</b>          Your virtual work placement will give you the opportunity to connect with the construction industry. You will gain an introduction to the industry, the organisation and careers within it, as well as recognising and developing the skills you will need for the world of work.</p>	<p><b>Date: 1st-3rd March</b>          Time: 10:00am -13:00pm          Eligibility: 15+          Application Deadline: <b>12th February 2021.</b></p>

## NHS Virtual Work Experience for Students

The NHS are pleased to inform you that the NHS Live Virtual Work Experience Programme is now available to support all aspiring healthcare students with work experience opportunities during the pandemic. Students now have access to their own specific work experience programme that will be highly relevant to the following healthcare careers:





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Nursing  
Midwifery  
Paramedics  
Physiotherapists  
Occupational Therapists  
Radiographers  
Art, drama and music therapists  
Dietitians  
Operating Department Practitioners  
Radiographers  
Podiatrists  
Osteopaths  
Orthoptists  
Prosthetists and orthotics  
Speech and language therapists

You can learn more and register for the programme here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Students will receive certificates upon completion, but places are limited and therefore they will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis to keep this fair. If you are interested, you can register through the website link above. Places are just £10 a day to cover administrative costs. If you have students from low-income backgrounds, they can attend for free.

You can also download the flyer at this link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/NHSHealthcareCareersLiveVirtualWorkExperience.pdf>

**HSBC Work Experience** - HSBC Work Experience is now live!

Opportunities across the whole of the UK, in financial services, investment banking, marketing, digital, compliance and HR.

The Work Experience opportunities will be available through June to August 2021 and will be one weeklong. Open to all secondary schools or college students in Year 10 / S3 to Year13 / S6 & Year 14), applications close on **21st February**. **Application Link:** [Work experience](#)



## Online Careers Hub

It contains links to a downloadable action plan, industry guides with downloadable worksheets, #CrisisCareersHeroes careers resources, useful content from across their site and more. [Click link](#)





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## Opportunities for students to apply for now

Students can still apply for apprenticeship and school leaver programmes to start in the Autumn.

[https://successatschool.us3.list-](https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=a844fd435e&e=3a8e79a90f)

[manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=a844fd435e&e=3a8e79a90f](https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=a844fd435e&e=3a8e79a90f)

## Labour Market information (LMI)

### Finance and investment analysts and advisers

Weekly Pay <b>810</b>	Annual Pay <b>42,120</b>
Hours/Week <b>35h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>23</b>

### Workforce Change (projected)

Growth <b>6.3%</b>	Replacement <b>50.4%</b>
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The workforce is projected to grow by 6.3% over the period to 2027, creating **13,400** jobs. In the same period, 50.4% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating **106,800** job openings.

### You might find this job in:

- Auxiliary Services
- Financial Services
- Head Offices
- Public Admin & Defence
- Legal & Accounting

**Year 11 pupils:** Continue to look out for Virtual Open Days at colleges.

- Solihull Sixth Form 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021





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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.

### **Healthy Brum (@healthybrum) Tweeted:**

Do you want to understand what the new national lockdown rules are at a quick glance? Healthy Brum can help! Please share this with your friends, family and loved ones. For further guidance, please visit

- <https://t.co/qn6XmySAFU> <https://t.co/ntZSkvXXLZ>  
<https://twitter.com/healthybrum/status/1346523137941393413?s=20>

**Your daughter or family can find support through the organisations below:**

### Support for families

We have all been through a tough time with Covid-19 and repeated lockdowns. For many families it can get harder over Winter, which is why 'From Birmingham with Love' are here to help. Here are some of their partners' most used services and support, which might make life a little bit easier.

- Please click on the '[From Birmingham with Love](#)' leaflet.

### Kooth January 2021 updates

Would like to share their latest resources including their new Kooth FAQ guides for children and young people. Please see below link:

Kooth FAQ - CYP - [VIEW HERE](#)

**Friday 15th January** - ADHD & Me: Symptoms, Emotions and Coping Skills

**Monday 18th January** - Supporting a Friend After a Crime

**Friday 29th January** - Learning to Be and Showing Your True Self

(For further information, please see attached the January Live Forums Topic Calendar)

<https://www.kooth.com/>

### Useful websites:

- **Women's Aid:** [womensaid.org.uk](http://womensaid.org.uk)
- **Barnado's:** [barnados.co.uk](http://barnados.co.uk)
- **Mind:** [mind.org.uk](http://mind.org.uk)
- **NSPCC** at [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) or call their national helpline 0808 800 5000





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## RSPB Stay connected with nature

Do not miss out on the big garden bird watch click on the link to find out more.

- <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

## ECO-Schools - Good Future Board

Like Eco-Schools, Good Energy is an energy company that cares about your future and wants to help fight climate change. They have announced to all secondary, sixth form and FE college Eco-Committees that Good Energy are now looking for six students between the ages of 12 and 18 living in England to join their **Good Future Board** of shadow directors. Click on the link for further details and how to register.

- <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/eco-projects/goodfutureboard/>

## Keeping your daughter safe online:

All parents/carers need to be aware of what their daughter are accessing when online. Young people often access sites that are not appropriate for their age. Click on the following links for further guidance on staying safe online and preventing cyberbullying on social media.

- <https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/parents/online-safety>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- <https://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/social-media.html>

Check your security and privacy settings

- Adjust privacy and safety settings to increase security and control the personal data you share. Look for the 'privacy and security' or 'settings' on the app or website.
- [Review the security settings](#) on your 'smart' devices. If your device is using a default or easily guessable password, change it.
- [Set up two-factor authentication](#). This is a free security feature to stop unwanted people getting into your accounts. You will receive a text or code when you log in to check you are who you say you are.
- [Update your devices](#). Using the latest version of software and apps can immediately improve your security.





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If your child develops symptoms associated with Covid-19 whilst at **home**, please keep them at home and follow the process outlined below. If your child develops symptoms associated with Covid-19 whilst **at school**, we will isolate them immediately, providing the support and reassurance they will require. We will contact you and require that you collect them immediately from school. Please take them straight home and follow the same process outlined below.

## Step One: CONTACT

the NHS and request a COVID-19 Test from them online or by calling 119. Do not visit your GP, pharmacy, hospital or other healthcare provider. Call 999 if emergency care is needed.

## Step Two: ISOLATE

Your child should isolate for 10 days after symptoms appear and other people in your household should isolate for 10 days.

## Step Three: TEST

Get a test. Keep your child at home until she gets her results.

## Step Four: RESULTS

You should receive your results within 72 hours. If the test is negative, your daughter and household may stop isolating although they must not return to school until they are well. **Please inform us of a negative test result immediately.**

## Step Five: A POSITIVE TEST RESULT

If your child tests positive for Coronavirus, contact tracers will contact you to inform you of the isolation regulations you will need to follow. **Please inform us of a positive test result immediately.**

