



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

5th February 2021

Important Dates

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday 7th February • Monday 8th – 12th February • Tuesday 9th February • Thursday 11th February • Sunday 14th February • Monday 15th – 19th February • Tuesday 16th February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Dickens Birthday • Year 7 Assessment Week • Safer Internet Day • International Day of Girls in Science • Valentine's Day • Half Term – School Closed • Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day
---	--

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



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Public Q&A sessions regarding COVID-19 vaccination

The coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine is our best defence against the virus. The vaccine is highly effective and it is currently being rolled out across Birmingham to priority groups. Throughout February 2021 there will be five online Q&A sessions which will allow the public to ask any questions they may have about the vaccination. On the panel will be the Birmingham & Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group, local representatives and Councillor Paulette Hamilton, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care.

It is strongly recommended that people attend the session that is relevant to where they live, as some of the information in the webinar will be localised:

9 th February	6.00pm – 7.30pm	South Birmingham	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/138644995915
11 th February	6.00pm – 7.30pm	East Birmingham	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/138644995915
24 th February	6.00pm – 7.30pm	West Birmingham	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/138645314869
25 th February	6.00pm – 7.30pm	Central Birmingham	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/138645491397





Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

5th February 2021

School Information



Free School Meals

Free School Meals' vouchers for February half-term are being funded by Birmingham City Council, and they will be using the Sodexo scheme again; this is the same scheme that was used at October half-term and for last year's Easter holidays. This means that individual voucher codes will be emailed out via School Gateway. Due to the nature of the administration of the Sodexo scheme, that will most likely mean that two vouchers will be received next week; one will be from Edenred for the term-time entitlement and one as an advance voucher for half-term from School Gateway. The vouchers will revert to Edenred again after February half-term, and we will be ordering vouchers for delivery on or shortly after 22nd February and 1st March.

We are unable to provide vouchers unless your daughter is FSM-eligible; as previously, we continue to encourage you to use the 'Free School Meals' application form if your circumstances have changed in order to see if your daughter is now eligible.

We hope that all Sodexo half-term vouchers will have been emailed to you via School Gateway by the end of the day on Wednesday 10th February. Please contact school at enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk on Thursday 11th February if you have not received it to enable us to resolve any problems before the half-term holiday. If you contact us during half-term, we will not be able to help until Monday 22nd February.

Laptop Bags/Cases

If you have any clean laptop bags or cases at home which are no longer needed, please consider donating them to school. This will help us as we continue to seek to provide devices for pupils who are borrowing school or government-funded devices to support remote learning. Please contact school on enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk if you think you can help.

GCSE Pod

For the third week in a row, our usage has seen us finish as one of the top 10 highest-using schools for GCSEPod across the whole country; last week, we were 6th out of 1532 schools which is an amazing achievement. Please talk to your daughter about how she uses GCSEPod to support her learning.

Individual year group figures are as follows:

Year 7	92%	883 pods accessed; English Literature, History and Combined Science are the most watched subjects
Year 8	91%	454 pods; History, English Literature, RS

Stay Home  **Protect the NHS**  **Save Lives**



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

5th February 2021

Year 9	95%	296 pods; English Literature, History, DT
Year 10	99%	506 pods; Biology, Maths, Chemistry
Year 11	99%	206 pods; History, Creative iMedia, English Language

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

Art: A Free Online Zoom Workshop 'Create your own paisley motif with a difference!' on Monday 15th February 10am-11.30am. Suitable for ages 8 upwards and adults. Click on the link for further details [Eventbrite](#)

SEND

Birmingham City Council have provided us with lots of really useful links to help support pupils with Special Educational Needs. The following link offers a wide range of information, advice and resources for parents and carers to help with their children at home. They have also shared Top Ten Tips to Supporting Your Child. Please click on the link

<https://hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/parents/send/bcc-send-information-for-parents>

During school closure, your child can access a wide range of support material from these websites to work independently or complete set tasks that have been issued on 'Class Charts'.

Newly Arrived Pupils/EAL

Complete the **WORLD WIDE WORD** challenge. Encourage your child to write the WOW WORDs for a category in the left-hand column. As they read books, watch TV/films etc. they can complete the other columns when they notice the word in a real-life context. If they use the word in their speaking and writing, they can tick the 'I used it!' box. A copy of the worksheet can be found [here](#), please refer to page 26. [Wow-Home-Learning-Pack.pdf](#)



Never Such Innocence runs an international, poetry, art, speech and song competition for young people aged 9-18, focusing on conflict and its impact. This year's theme is...**The Unheard Voices of Conflict: Stories from Around the World**. Please click [here](#) for further information.

The competition will run from **Friday 4th September 2020-Friday 19th March 2021**.

Stay Home  Protect the NHS  Save Lives



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

5th February 2021

Apps to support EAL learners

Here are some apps to support EAL learners at different stages in their acquisition of English.

- [ealprimaryappwheel.pdf \(wordpress.com\)](#)

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

UCB University College Birmingham
Open days

- ▶ COLLEGE COURSES
- ▶ DEGREE COURSES
- ▶ POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Book now

Creative services half term taster sessions (all online)

- 16 February – Make-up, 2-4pm
- 17 February – Hairdressing, 2-4pm
- 18 February – Beauty Therapy, 2-4pm

For more information and to book your place click here: <https://www.ucb.ac.uk/study/college/take-part-before-you-start/taster-activities/creative-services-half-term-taster-sessions/>

Online College Advice update is now available Monday - Friday, 9am-5pm, via website live chat. If you have any questions about college [Click here](#) for online college advice.

National Apprenticeship Week from 8th - 14th February. Please find attached a [schedule](#) for the week. You will have to register to take part in the activities. Miss Nazish will send out an evaluation form at the end of the week, please inform n.nazish@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk which activities you took part in and what you learnt.

Our work experience partner "**Learn to Work**" have created some fantastic resources for both parents and pupils' to access. As parents we would encourage you to:

- Read through the '[Parent Pack](#)'
- Ensure your child is engaging with the tasks in the '[Student Activity Pack](#)'
- Look out for the Apprenticeship emails coming to your child's account next week (these will be sent by "**Learn to work**" and the Careers Leader Ms Nazish)

Labour Market Information (LMI)

Graphic designers

Weekly Pay	Annual Pay
------------	------------

Stay Home  Protect the NHS  Save Lives



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

5th February 2021

600	31,200
Hours/Week 38h	Hourly Pay 16

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth 1.9%	Replacement 58.5%
-----------------------	-----------------------------

The workforce is projected to grow by 1.9% over the period to 2027, creating **1,900** jobs. In the same period, 58.5% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating **59,100** job openings.

You might find this job in

- Employment activities
- Libraries
- Computer programming
- Printing & recording
- Office admin

IBM Apprenticeship Applications open on Monday 8th February. Visit the website ibm.com/jobs/uk to find out more. Can you email Ms N Nazish Careers Advisor if you do apply. n.nazish@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk

InvestIN: Invitation for Parents: Success Beyond School. Free expert advice on guiding your daughter to a successful career.

- **Wednesday 24th February: The Skills Surgery**
How to break into careers in medicine, dentistry and veterinary science

Wednesday 3rd March: The Power of Networks
How your child can build a powerful professional network

Birmingham and Solihull Hubs are launching a joint virtual careers fair on Thursday 4th March. It will showcase the opportunities and pathways available for young people in this region.

Please see the link to register for the event: <https://www.birminghamsolihullcareersfair.co.uk/>



Interested in the Behind the Scenes of Film, TV and Theatre?

Birmingham Ormiston Academy (BOA) is opening a new Stage & Screen Production Academy in September 2021. Be one of the first students to explore the creative, technical and administration/management side of the

Film, TV and Theatre industries. For more information click [here](#).

Stay Home  Protect the NHS  Save Lives



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

5th February 2021



SPEAKERS
for schools
EXPERIENCE

Speakers for Schools have released their schedule for next week. Please encourage your daughter to get involved if there are sessions which are of interest to her:

Here is next week's full [Live Broadcasts Schedule](#). Please feel free to share the schedule with your students!

WEEK STARTING MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Mon 8th February 10- 11am LINK TO JOIN	Tom Toumazis MBE, Former Media, Entertainment and Tech Executive, now investor in start ups For KS4-5/ S4 – 6	We are delighted to be hosting a Broadcast with Tom Toumazis, Former Media, Entertainment and Tech Executive, now investor in start-ups. Tom is a public speaker, sharing his work/life experiences and encouraging young people to explore a career in the world of media and entertainment. He was awarded an MBE in 2015 for services to children. Tom will be sharing insights into the 'art of nudging' and how to get noticed in a world of noise!
Mon 8th February 2- 3pm LINK TO JOIN	Milo Beckman, Author, Maths without Numbers For KS4 –5/ S4 – 6	Join us here to hear Milo Beckman, a maths prodigy from New York. Milo's projects and independent research have been featured in The New York Times, the Huffington Post, the Economist and others. He has worked for a US Senator, three tech companies, two banks and taught mathematics in New York, China and Brazil. His debut book, Math Without Numbers, is an illustrated guide to shapes, dimensions, infinity, symmetries, proofs, and more. Milo will be talking about a famous question in abstract maths: Is there anything bigger than infinity? He is looking forward to answering your questions.
Wed 10th February 2- 3pm LINK TO JOIN	Jean-Patrick Cheylan, Head of Entertainment Partnerships, Europe, Twitter For KS4-5/ S4 – 6	Speakers for Schools is delighted to be hosting a Broadcast with Jean-Patrick Cheylan. Jean-Patrick is in charge of supporting the leading European entertainment content creators to grow and monetize their audience on Twitter. He leads a 5 people team based in London, Madrid and Paris, which covers partnerships across Tv, cinema, music, fashion, lifestyle, food. Jean-Patrick will be sharing insights into his career journey and where to gain relevant



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

5th February 2021

		work experience. He will be providing advice on how we can develop our resilience.
Thurs 11th February 10-11am LINK TO JOIN	Panel Broadcast with Flipbook Studio David Cordon, Head of TV and film, Jo Wilkinson, Head of Production & Yuval Turgeman, 3D Artist For KS3-5/ S1 – 6	Join us for a panel discussion with Flipbook Studio, an innovation production studio who provide Visual Effects, Animation, Digital, Immersive and Film for their international client base. David Cordon, Head of TV & Film, Jo Wilkinson, Head of Production and Yuval Turgeman, a 3D artist will be sharing an insight into their careers and will be providing tips for students who are interested in a career in Film and TV. Students will have the opportunity to ask the panel questions.
Thurs 11th February 2-3pm LINK TO JOIN	Penguin Talks in Partnership with Speakers for Schools Lit in Colour: Why Empire is Relevant Today, with Sathnam Sanghera and Zawe Ashton For KS4-5/ S4 – 6	Award-winning author and journalist, Sathnam Sanghera, joins actress, playwright and director Zawe Ashton, to discuss the impact of Empire on modern Britain, its absence from the school curriculum and why it's relevant to young people today.

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.

This week was Children's Mental Health Week. The pupils have been taking part in lots of activities throughout the week. Please encourage your daughter to enter the competition set on Classcharts called 'Lockdown and Me'. Prizes to be won. Closing date is **Sunday 7th February**.

Thought for the week: 'Assumptions' Click on the link [Secondary presentation 'Assumptions'](#) also view the [video](#) link.

Value of the month: February 'Sincerity' Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support please use the following link. [Poster.](#)





Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

5th February 2021

Job of the Week in the Health Sector: [‘Cosmetic Surgeon’](#) Click on the link for further details.

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

Support for families

(BCP) Birmingham Children’s Partnership

Emergency and ongoing help for Birmingham please click on the letter for more information on help and support [BCP letter](#).

The Pump – Recipe Box If you are in crisis and need support with food or essential items boxes will be available for collection and local delivery from Monday 8th February until Friday 2nd April 2021. Please click on the [link](#) for further details.

ChatHealth Text Service - 07480635485

The school health texting service can provide confidential support for students aged 11 years upwards around relationships, mental health, alcohol, bullying, self-harm, smoking, drugs and healthy eating. During COVID 19 parents are also able to text this number to seek support. A poster about this service is attached with this update. [Poster](#)

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.](#)

“Youth Inclusion and Support Project (YISP) The YISP project will support young people aged 10-19 from across Birmingham”

Referrals can be made through the website www.actcic.org.uk/yisp

Useful websites:

- **Barnado’s:** barnados.co.uk
- **Forward Thinking Birmingham** click on link for further support contacts: [FTB](#)
- **Kooth:** <https://www.kooth.com/>
- **Mind:** <https://www.mind.org.uk/>
- **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 \(hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk\)](http://Pause | Hodge Hill Girls' School (hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk))
- **Women’s Aid:** womensaid.org.uk
- **YoungMinds:** [Looking after your mental health](#)



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

5th February 2021

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>

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

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

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



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

5th February 2021

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.**